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PHARMACEUTICALLY ACTIVE COMPOUNDS AND METHODS OF USE

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. provisional application 60/064,830, filed October 21, 1997, which application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to pharmaceutically active compounds, including acylguanidine compounds, and methods of treatment and pharmaceutical compositions that utilize or comprise one or more such compounds. Compounds of the invention are particularly useful for the treatment or prophylaxis of neurological injury and neurodegenerative disorders.

15 2. Background

Nerve cell death (degeneration) can cause potentially devastating and irreversible effects for an individual and may occur e.g. as a result of stroke, heart attack or other brain or spinal chord ischemia or trauma. Additionally, neurodegenerative disorders involve nerve cell death (degeneration) such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Down's Syndrome and Korsakoff's disease.

Therapies have been investigated to treat nerve cell degeneration and related disorders, e.g., by limiting the extent of nerve cell death that may otherwise occur to an individual. See, e.g., N. L. Reddy et al., *J. Med. Chem.*, 37:260-267 (1994); and WO 95/20950.

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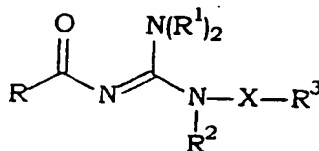
The compound MK-801 has exhibited good results in a variety of *in vivo* models of stroke. See B. Meldrum, *Cerebrovascular Brain Metab. Rev.*, 2:27-57 (1990); D. Choi, *Cerebrovascular Brain Metab. Rev.*, 2:105-147 (1990). See also Merck Index, monograph 3392, 11th ed., 1989. For example, MK-801 exhibits good activity in mouse audiogenic tests, a recognized model for evaluation of neuroprotective drugs. See, e.g., M. Tricklebank et al., *European Journal of Pharmacology*, 167:127-135 (1989); T. Seyfried, *Federation Proceedings*, 38(10):2399-2404 (1979).

However, MK-801 also has shown toxicity and further clinical development of the compound is currently uncertain. See J. W. Olney et al., *Science*, 244:1360-1362 (1989); W. Koek et al., *J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther.*, 252:349-357 (1990); F.R. Sharp et al., *Society for Neuroscience Abstr.*, abstr. no. 482.3 (1992).

It thus would be highly desirable to have new neuroprotective agents, particularly agents to limit the extent or otherwise treat nerve cell death (degeneration) such as may occur with stroke, heart attack or brain or spinal cord trauma, or to treat neurodegenerative disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Down's Syndrome and Korsakoff's disease.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In a first aspect, the present invention provides acylguanidine compounds of the following Formula I:



wherein R is an optionally substituted cyclic alkyl preferably having five or more carbon ring members; optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl having at least about 6 ring carbon atoms; optionally substituted alkylaryl

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preferably having from 7 to about 18 carbon atoms; or optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to 8 ring members in each ring and from 1 to 3 hetero atoms;

each R¹ and R² are each independently hydrogen, optionally
5 substituted alkyl preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, more preferably 1 to about 8 carbon atoms, still more preferably 1 to about 3 carbon atoms; optionally substituted alkenyl preferably having 2 to about 20 carbon atoms, more preferably 2 to about 8 carbon atoms; optionally substituted alkynyl preferably having 2 to about 20 carbon atoms, more
10 preferably 2 to about 8 carbon atoms; optionally substituted alkoxy preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, more preferably 1 to about 8 carbon atoms, still more preferably 1 to about 3 carbon atoms; optionally substituted alkylthio preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, more preferably 1 to about 8 carbon atoms, still more preferably 1 to
15 about 3 carbon atoms; optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, more preferably 1 to about 8 carbon atoms, still more preferably 1 to about 3 carbon atoms; optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, more preferably 1 to about 8 carbon atoms, still more preferably 1 to
20 about 3 carbon atoms; optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl having at least about 6 ring carbon atoms; or optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 hetero atoms;

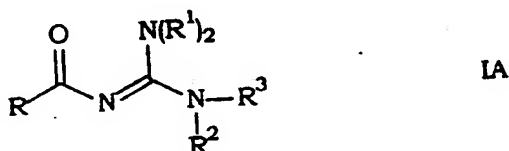
X is a chemical bond; optionally substituted alkylene, alkenylene or alkenylene linkage preferably having from 1 to about 6 carbons in the
25 linkage, more preferably from 1 to 4 carbons in the linkage; or an optionally substituted heteroalkylene, heteroalkenylene heteroalkynylene linkage preferably having from 1 to about 6 carbons in the linkage, more preferably from 1 to 4 carbons in the linkage; and

R³ is an optionally substituted cycloalkyl preferably having 3 or more
30 carbon ring members, more preferably about 5 or more carbon ring members; optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl having at least about 6 ring carbon atoms; optionally substituted alkylaryl preferably having from 7 to about 18 carbon atoms; or optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to 8 ring members in each

ring and from 1 to 3 hetero atoms; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

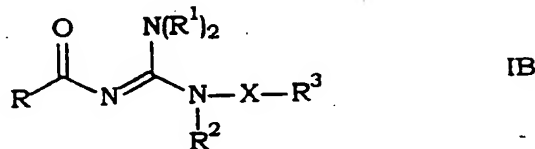
In the above Formula I, X may suitably be a chemical bond, i.e.

5 compounds of the following Formula IA:



wherein R, R¹, R² and R³ are each the same as defined above for Formula I; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of those compounds.

10 It also has been found that compounds having X being an alkylene linkage, particularly C₁₋₄ alkylene, exhibit significant biological activity as shown in the examples which follow. Thus preferred are compounds of the following Formula IB:



15 wherein X is an optionally substituted alkylene linkage preferably
having from 1 to about 6 carbon atoms in the alkylene chain, more
preferably 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alkylene chain, and R, R¹, R² and R³
are each the same as defined above for Formula I; and pharmaceutically
20 acceptable salts of those compounds.

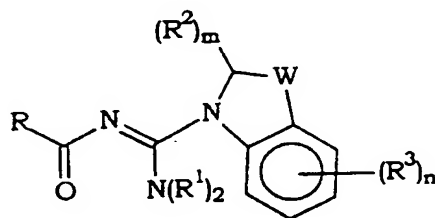
Preferred compounds also include those of the above Formulae I, IA or IB wherein one or more of each R¹ and R² are hydrogen, including wherein each R¹ and R² are all hydrogen. Generally preferred R² groups of Formulae I, IA and IB include hydrogen and optionally substituted alkyl such as optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, or more preferably optionally

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substituted C₁₋₃ alkyl. Preferred R³ groups of Formula I, IA and IB include optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl or alkaryl such as optionally substituted phenyl, naphthyl and the like, and optionally substituted heteroalicyclic or heteroaromatic such as indolyl and the like, or optionally substituted cycloalkyl such as cyclohexyl and the like.

In a further aspect, the invention provides acylimine-substituted indolyl-type compounds, particularly compounds of the following Formula II:

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II

wherein R is an optionally substituted cyclic alkyl preferably having five or more carbon ring members; optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl having at least about 6 ring carbon atoms; optionally substituted alkaryl preferably having from 7 to about 18 carbon atoms; or optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to 8 ring members in each ring and from 1 to 3 hetero atoms;

R¹ is selected from the same group defined for R¹ and R² in Formula I;

each R² and each R³ (i.e. substituent of the 4,5, 6 and 7 aromatic ring positions) are each independently hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, azido, optionally substituted alkyl preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkenyl preferably having from 2 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkynyl preferably having from 2 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkoxy preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkylthio preferably having 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally

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substituted aminoalkyl preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl having at least about 6 ring carbon atoms, or optionally substituted aralkyl having at least about 6 ring carbon atoms;

5 W is optionally substituted methylene ($-\text{CH}_2-$; i.e. indolinyl compounds), $-\text{S}-$ (i.e. 3-benzothiazolinylcarboximidamide compounds), $-\text{O}-$, optionally substituted $-\text{N}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})-$ or $-\text{S}(\text{O}_2)-$;

m is 0, 1 or 2; n is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of those compounds.

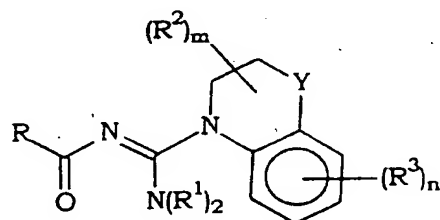
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In Formula II, generally preferred are compounds where W is optionally substituted methylene, i.e. indolinyl compounds. Optionally substituted phenyl, naphthyl, adamantyl and thiophenyl and other heteroaromatic groups are preferred R groups for compounds of Formula II.

15 Preferred compounds of Formula II also include those where R^1 is hydrogen.

In a yet further aspect, the invention provides acylimine-substituted tetrahydroquinolinyl-type compounds, particularly compounds of the following Formula III:

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III

wherein R is an optionally substituted cyclic alkyl preferably having five or more carbon ring members; optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl having at least about 6 ring carbon atoms; optionally substituted alkylaryl preferably having from 7 to about 18 carbon atoms; or an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to 8 ring members in each ring and from 1 to 3 hetero atoms;

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each R¹ is selected from the same group as defined for R¹ and R² in Formula I above;

each R² (i.e. substituent of the 2 and 3 ring positions) and each R³ (i.e. substituent of the 5, 6, 7 and 8 aromatic ring positions) are each
5 independently hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, azido, optionally substituted alkyl preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkenyl preferably having from 2 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkynyl preferably having from 2 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkoxy preferably having from 1 to about 20
10 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkylthio preferably having 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted aminoalkyl preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted
15 carbocyclic aryl having at least about 6 ring carbon atoms, or optionally substituted aralkyl having at least about 6 ring carbon atoms;

Y is optionally substituted methylene (-CH₂-, i.e. 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolinyl compounds), -O- (i.e. 2,3-benzmorpholinyl compounds), -S- (i.e. 2,3-benzthiomorpholinyl compounds), -S(O)-, -S(O₂)-,
20 or optionally substituted -N-,

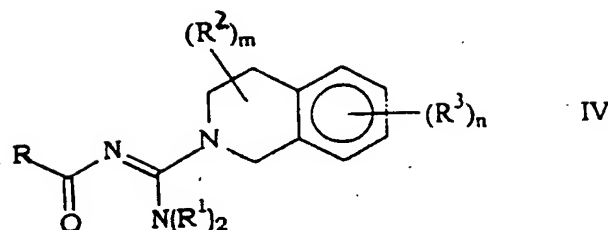
m and n are each independently 0 (i.e. the available ring are each hydrogen-substituted), 1, 2, 3 or 4; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of those compounds.

25 In Formula III, generally preferred are compounds where Y is methylene, i.e. 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolinyl compounds. Optionally substituted phenyl and naphthyl are preferred R groups for compounds of Formula III. Preferred compounds of Formula III also include those where R¹ is hydrogen.

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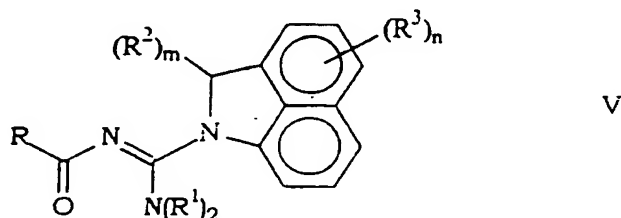
In a further aspect, the invention provide acylimine-substituted tetrahydroisoquinolinyl compounds, particularly compounds of the following Formula IV:

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wherein R and each R¹ are the same as defined above for Formula I;
 each R² (i.e. substituent of the 1, 3 and 4 tetrahydroisoquinolinyl ring
 5 positions) and each R³ (i.e. substituent of the 5, 6, 7 and 8
 tetrahydroisoquinolinyl ring positions) are each independently hydrogen,
 halogen, hydroxyl, azido, optionally substituted alkyl preferably having from
 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkenyl preferably
 having from 2 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkynyl
 10 preferably having from 2 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted
 alkoxy preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally
 substituted alkylthio preferably having 1 to about 20 carbon atoms,
 optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl preferably having from 1 to about 20
 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl preferably having from 1
 15 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted aminoalkyl preferably
 having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted carbocyclic
 aryl suitably at least about 6 ring carbon atoms, or optionally substituted
 aralkyl suitably having at least about 6 ring carbon atoms;
 m is 0 (i.e. the 1, 3 and 4 tetrahydroisoquinolinyl ring positions are
 20 each hydrogen-substituted), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6; n is 0 (i.e. the 5, 6, 7 and 8
 tetrahydroisoquinolinyl ring positions are each hydrogen-substituted), 1, 2,
 3 or 4; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

In another aspect, the invention provides compounds of the following
 25 Formula V:

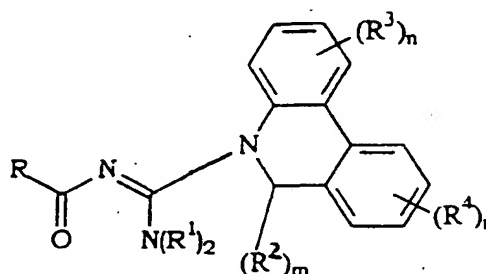


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wherein R and each R¹ are the same as defined above for Formula I; each R² and each R³ (i.e. substituent of the aromatic positions 3-8) are each independently hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, azido, optionally substituted alkyl preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkenyl preferably having from 2 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkynyl preferably having from 2 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkoxy preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkylthio preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted aminoalkyl preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl suitably having at least about 6 ring carbon atoms, or optionally substituted aralkyl suitably having at least about 6 ring carbon atoms;

m is 0 (i.e. the 2-benz[cd]indolyl position is hydrogen-substituted), 1 or 2; and n is 0 (i.e. the available ring are each hydrogen-substituted), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Still further, the invention provides compounds of the following Formula VI:



VI

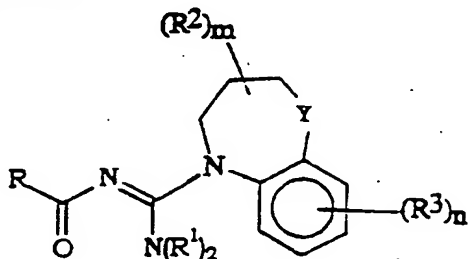
wherein R and each R¹ are the same as defined above for Formula I; each R², each R³ (i.e. substituent of the aromatic positions 1-4) and each R⁴ (i.e. substituent of the aromatic positions 7-10) are each independently hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, azido, optionally substituted alkyl preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally

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substituted alkenyl preferably having from 2 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkynyl preferably having from 2 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkoxy preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkylthio preferably having 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted aminoalkyl preferably having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl suitably having at least about 6 ring carbon atoms, or optionally substituted aralkyl suitably having at least about 6 ring carbon atoms;

m is 0 (i.e. the 5,6-dihydrophenanthridinyl ring position is hydrogen-substituted), 1 or 2; and n and r are each independently 0 (i.e. the ring positions are each hydrogen-substituted), 1, 2, 3 or 4; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

In an additional aspect, the invention provides compounds of the following Formula VII:



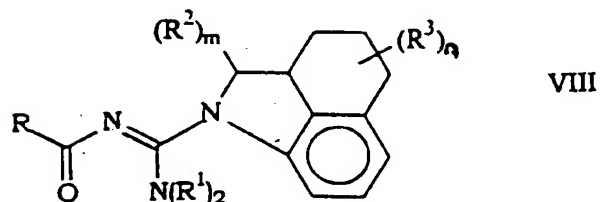
VII

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wherein R, each R¹, Y, each R², each R³ and n are the same as defined above for Formula III; and m of Formula VII is an integer equal to 0-6, and preferably m is 0, 1 or 2; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

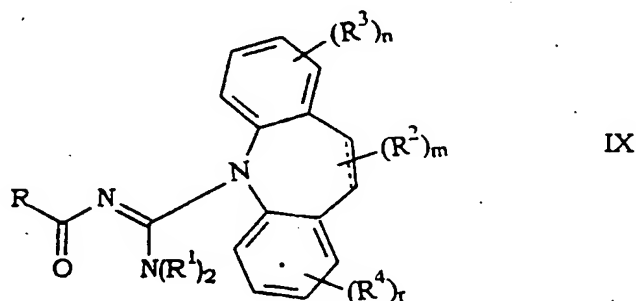
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The invention also provides compounds of the following Formula VIII:



wherein R, each R¹, each R², each R³ and m are the same as defined above for Formula V; and n of Formula VIII is an integer equal to 0-9, and preferably n is 0, 1 or 2; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof. It is understood that each R³ can be the same or different and may be present on either the non-aromatic or aromatic fused ring as depicted in the above structural formula.

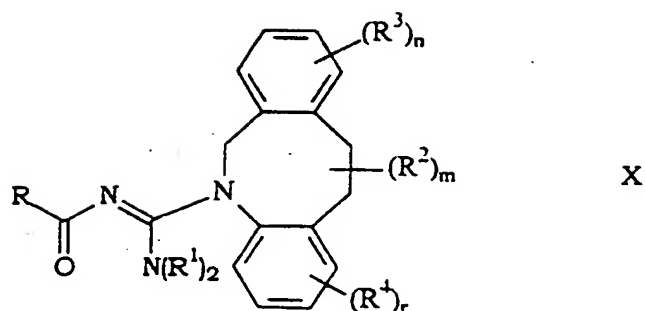
The invention further provides compounds of the following Formula IX:



wherein R, R¹, R², R³, n and r are the same as defined above for Formula VI, and m of Formula IX is an integer equal to 0-4, and preferably m is 0, 1 or 2, and the dotted line in Formula IX represents an optional carbon-carbon double bond (endocyclic bond); and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

In a further aspect, compounds of the following Formula X are provided:

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wherein R, R¹, R², R³, n and r are the same as defined above for Formula VI, and m of Formula X is an integer equal to 0-6 (i.e. R² may be a
 5 substituent at any of the available three saturated ring positions), and preferably m is 0, 1 or 2; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

In a further aspect, the invention also provides compounds of the Formulae I', IA', IB', II', III', IV', V', VI', VII', VIII', IX' and X', which formulae
 10 are defined the same as Formulae I, IA, IB, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX and X respectively, except that the substituent R may be selected from the group of an optionally substituted cyclic alkyl preferably having five or more carbon ring members; optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl having at least about 6 ring carbon atoms; optionally substituted alkylaryl preferably
 15 having from 7 to about 18 carbon atoms; or optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to 8 ring members in each ring and from 1 to 3 hetero (N, O or S) atoms; optionally substituted aralkyl preferably having from 7 to about 18 carbon atoms; optionally substituted heteroaralkyl preferably having from 5 to about 18
 20 carbon atoms, and from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to 8 ring members in each ring and from 1 to 3 hetero (N, O or S) atoms; or optionally substituted heteroalicyclicalkyl preferably having from 5 to about 18 carbon atoms, and from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to 8 ring members in each ring and from 1 to 3 hetero (N, O or S) atoms. For such compounds of Formulae I', IA', IB', II', III', IV',
 25 V', VI', VII', VIII', IX' and X', preferred R groups include optionally substituted aralkyl, particularly optionally substituted carbocyclic aralkyl such as optionally substituted phenalkyl, e.g. optionally substituted

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phenyl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, more typically optionally substituted phenyl(C₁₋₆)alkyl, still more typically optionally substituted phenyl(C₁₋₄)alkyl such as an optionally substituted phenacetyl (C₆H₅CH₂C(=O)) group and the like. Additional particularly suitable R groups of such compounds of Formulae I', IA', IB', II', III', IV', V', VI', VII', VIII', IX' and X' include optionally substituted heteroaryalkyl and optionally substituted heteroalicyclicalkyl, such as optionally substituted heteroaryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl or heteroalicyclic(C₁₋₈)alkyl, more typically optionally substituted heteroaryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl or heteroalicyclic(C₁₋₆)alkyl, still more typically optionally substituted heteroaryl(C₁₋₄)alkyl or heteroalicyclic(C₁₋₄)alkyl. It also should be understood that preferred substituents as disclosed herein of compounds of Formula I, IA, IB, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX and X are also preferred substituents of the corresponding Formulae I', IA', IB', II', III', IV', V', VI', VII', VIII', IX' and X', unless indicated otherwise.

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Compounds of the invention (i.e. compounds of Formulae I, IA, IB, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX and X as well as compounds of Formulae I', IA', IB', II', III', IV', V', VI', VII', VIII', IX' and X') are useful for a number of therapeutic applications. In particular, the invention includes methods for treatment and/or prophylaxis of neurological conditions/injuries such as epilepsy, neurodegenerative conditions and/or nerve cell death (degeneration) resulting from or associated with e.g. hypoxia, hypoglycemia, brain or spinal chord ischemia, retinal ischemia, brain or spinal chord trauma or post-surgical neurological deficits and the like as well as neuropathic pain. The invention also includes methods for treating peripheral neuropathy. The compounds of the invention are especially useful for treatment of a person susceptible or suffering from stroke or heart attack or neurological deficits relating to cardiac arrest, a person suffering or susceptible to brain or spinal cord injury, or a person suffering from the effects of retinal ischemia or degeneration, or a person suffering from decreased blood flow or nutrient supply to retinal tissue or optic nerve, retinal trauma, glaucoma or optic nerve injury. Compounds of the invention also are useful to treat and/or prevent various neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease,

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Down's Syndrome, Korsakoff's disease, cerebral palsy and/or age-dependent dementia. Compounds of the invention will be further useful to treat and/or prevent migraines, shingles (herpes zoster), epilepsy, emesis and/or narcotic withdrawal symptoms. Compounds of the invention will be useful
5 for treatment of various types of pain, including e.g. chronic pain. The treatment methods of the invention in general comprise administration of a therapeutically effective amount of one or more compounds of the invention to an animal, including a mammal, particularly a human. Particularly preferred compounds of the invention exhibit good activity in an
10 anticonvulsant *in vivo* mouse audiogenic assay e.g. as disclosed in Example 11 which follows, preferably about 20% or more inhibition at a dose of a compound of the invention of 20 mg/kg, more preferably about 50% or more inhibition at a dose of 20 mg/kg in such an anticonvulsant *in vivo* audiogenic assay.

15 The invention also provides pharmaceutical compositions that comprise one or more compounds of the invention and a suitable carrier for the compositions.

20 Other aspects of the invention are disclosed *infra*.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

We have now discovered that compounds of the above-defined
Formulae I (which includes Formulae IA and IB), II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX
25 and X as well as Formulae I', IA', IB', II', III', IV', V', VI', VII', VIII', IX' and X') are useful for therapeutic applications, including to treat neurological injury or a neurodegenerative disorder.

Suitable halogen substituent groups of compounds of Formulae I, IA,
30 IB, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX and X as well as Formulae I', IA', IB', II', III', IV', V', VI', VII', VIII', IX' and X' as defined above (i.e. compounds of the invention) include F, Cl, Br and I. Alkyl groups of compounds of the invention typically have from 1 to about 12 carbon atoms, more preferably 1 to about 8 carbon atoms, still more preferably 1 to about 6 carbon atoms,

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even more preferably 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, or still more preferably 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms. As used herein, the term alkyl unless otherwise modified refers to both cyclic and noncyclic groups, although of course cyclic groups will comprise at least three carbon ring members. Preferred

5 alkenyl and alkynyl groups of compounds of the invention have one or more unsaturated linkages and typically from 2 to about 12 carbon atoms, more preferably 2 to about 8 carbon atoms, still more preferably 2 to about 6 carbon atoms, even more preferably 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms. The terms alkenyl and alkynyl as used herein refer to both cyclic and noncyclic groups,

10 although straight or branched noncyclic groups are generally more preferred. Preferred alkoxy groups of compounds of the invention include groups having one or more oxygen linkages and from 1 to about 12 carbon atoms, more preferably from 1 to about 8 carbon atoms, and still more preferably 1 to about 6 carbon atoms, even more preferably 1, 2, 3 or 4

15 carbon atoms. Preferred alkylthio groups of compounds of the invention include those groups having one or more thioether linkages and from 1 to about 12 carbon atoms, more preferably from 1 to about 8 carbon atoms, and still more preferably 1 to about 6 carbon atoms. Alkylthio groups having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms are particularly preferred. Preferred

20 alkylsulfinyl groups of compounds of the invention include those groups having one or more sulfoxide (SO) groups and from 1 to about 12 carbon atoms, more preferably from 1 to about 8 carbon atoms, and still more preferably 1 to about 6 carbon atoms. Alkylsulfinyl groups having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms are particularly preferred. Preferred alkylsulfonyl groups of

25 compounds of the invention include those groups having one or more sulfonyl (SO₂) groups and from 1 to about 12 carbon atoms, more preferably from 1 to about 8 carbon atoms, and still more preferably 1 to about 6 carbon atoms. Alkylsulfonyl groups having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms are particularly preferred. Preferred aminoalkyl groups include those groups

30 having one or more primary, secondary and/or tertiary amine groups, and from 1 to about 12 carbon atoms, more preferably 1 to about 8 carbon atoms, still more preferably 1 to about 6 carbon atoms, even more preferably 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms. Secondary and tertiary amine groups are generally more preferred than primary amine moieties. Suitable

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heteroaromatic groups of compounds of the invention contain one or more N, O or S atoms and include, e.g., coumarinyl including 8-coumarinyl, quinolinyl including 8-quinolinyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, oxidizolyl, triazole, imidazolyl, indolyl, benzofuranyl and benzothiazol. Suitable heteroalicyclic groups of compounds of the invention contain one or more N, O or S atoms and include, e.g., tetrahydrofuranyl, thienyl, tetrahydropyranyl, piperidinyl, morpholino and pyrrolindinyl groups. Suitable carbocyclic aryl groups of compounds of the invention include single and multiple ring compounds, including multiple ring compounds that contain separate and/or fused aryl groups. Typical carbocyclic aryl groups of compounds of the invention contain 1 to 3 separate or fused rings and from 6 to about 18 carbon ring atoms. Specifically preferred carbocyclic aryl groups include phenyl; naphthyl including 1-naphthyl and 2-naphthyl; biphenyl; phenanthryl; anthracyl; and acenaphthyl. Substituted carbocyclic groups are particularly suitable including substituted phenyl, such as 2-substituted phenyl, 3-substituted phenyl, 4-substituted phenyl, 2,3-substituted phenyl, 2,5-substituted phenyl, 2,3,5-substituted and 2,4,5-substituted phenyl; and substituted naphthyl, including naphthyl substituted at the 5, 6 and/or 7 positions. Preferred substituents of such substituted carbocyclic groups are identified below.

Suitable aralkyl groups of compounds of the invention include single and multiple ring compounds, including multiple ring compounds that contain separate and/or fused aryl groups. Typical aralkyl groups contain 1 to 3 separate or fused rings and from 6 to about 18 carbon ring atoms. Preferred aralkyl groups include benzyl and methylenenaphthyl (-CH₂-naphthyl), and other carbocyclic aralkyl groups, as discussed above.

Suitable heteroaralkyl groups of compounds of the invention include single and multiple ring compounds, including multiple ring compounds that contain separate and/or fused heteroaryl groups, where such groups are substituted onto an alkyl linkage. More preferably, a heteroaralkyl group contains a heteroaryl group that has 1 to 3 rings, 3 to 8 ring members

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in each ring and from 1 to 3 hetero (N, O or S) atoms, substituted onto an alkyl linkage. Suitable heteroaryl groups substituted onto an alkyl linkage include e.g., coumarinyl including 8-coumarinyl, quinolinyl including 8-quinolinyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, oxidizolyl, triazole, imidazolyl, indolyl, benzofuranyl and benzothiazol, as well as such groups fused to one or more benzene rings.

Suitable heteroalicyclicalkyl groups of compounds of the invention include single and multiple ring compounds, where such groups are substituted onto an alkyl linkage. More preferably, a heteroalicyclicalkyl group contains at least one ring that has 3 to 8 ring members from 1 to 3 hetero (N, O or S) atoms, substituted onto an alkyl linkage. Suitable heteroalicyclic groups substituted onto an alkyl linkage include e.g. tetrahydrofuranyl, thienyl, tetrahydropyranyl, piperidinyl, morpholino and pyrrolidinyl groups.

As discussed above, X groups of Formula I and I' suitably are alkylene or heteroalkylene linkages, or may contain one or more carbon-carbon double or triple bonds, i.e. alkenylene, alkynylene, heteroalkenylene or heteroalkynylene linkage. Such unsaturated X groups typically contain 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon-carbon multiple bonds, more typically 1 or 2 carbon-carbon multiple bonds. An X group that is heteroalkylene, heteroalkenylene or heteroalkynylene contains one or more N, O or S atoms in the chain between amino group and R³ group of Formula I or I', with other atoms in the chain suitably being carbons. Typically a heteroalkylene, heteroalkenylene or heteroalkynylene X group contains 1-3 N, O or S atoms in the chain, more typically 1 or 2 N, O or S atoms. Typically an X group contains from about 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

Suitable cyclic alkyl R groups of Formulae I-X and I'-X' and R³ groups of Formulae I, IA, IB, I', IA' and IB' include groups having five or six or more ring carbon atoms, particularly optionally substituted adamantyl, isobornyl, norbornyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl and the like. Generally preferred cyclic

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alkyl groups have from 5 to about 10 ring members. Cyclic alkyl groups having bridged structures, such as adamantyl, are particularly preferred.

Generally preferred R¹ groups of Formulae I through X and I' through X' include hydrogen and alkyl such as C₁₋₆ alkyl, more preferably alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms. Suitable compounds also include those where both R¹ of a compound are hydrogen, or where at least one R¹ group is hydrogen.

As discussed above, R, R¹, X, R², R³, R⁴, X, Y and W groups of compound of the invention are optionally substituted. A "substituted" R, R¹, X, R², R³, R⁴, X, Y and W group or other substituent may be substituted at one or more available positions, typically 1 to 3 or 4 positions, by one or more suitable groups such as those disclosed herein. Suitable groups that may be present on a "substituted" R, R¹, X, R², R³, R⁴, Y and W group or other substituent include e.g. halogen such as fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo; cyano; hydroxyl; nitro; azido; alkanoyl such as a C₁₋₆ alkanoyl group such as acyl and the like; carboxamido; alkyl groups including those groups having 1 to about 12 carbon atoms or from 1 to about 6 carbon atoms and more preferably 1-3 carbon atoms; alkenyl and alkynyl groups including groups having one or more unsaturated linkages and from 2 to about 12 carbon or from 2 to about 6 carbon atoms; alkoxy groups having those having one or more oxygen linkages and from 1 to about 12 carbon atoms or 1 to about 6 carbon atoms; aryloxy such as phenoxy; alkylthio groups including those moieties having one or more thioether linkages and from 1 to about 12 carbon atoms or from 1 to about 6 carbon atoms; alkylsulfinyl groups including those moieties having one or more sulfinyl linkages and from 1 to about 12 carbon atoms or from 1 to about 6 carbon atoms; alkylsulfonyl groups including those moieties having one or more sulfonyl linkages and from 1 to about 12 carbon atoms or from 1 to about 6 carbon atoms; aminoalkyl groups such as groups having one or more N atoms and from 1 to about 12 carbon atoms or from 1 to about 6 carbon atoms; carbocyclic aryl having 6 or more carbons, particularly phenyl (e.g. an R

group being a substituted or unsubstituted biphenyl moiety); and aralkyl such as benzyl.

Generally preferred substituents of "substituted" nitrogen and methylene W and Y groups of compounds of Formulae II, III, VII, II', III', and VII' include substituted and unsubstituted alkyl, including C₁₋₄ alkyl and halo-substituted C₁₋₄ alkyl, particularly fluoro-substituted C₁₋₄ alkyl such as trifluoromethyl, and in the case of a substituted methylene group, halogen and alkylthio.

Preferred carbocyclic ring substituents of compounds of the invention include halogen (F, Cl, Br and I; hydroxyl; azido; optionally substituted alkyl having 1 to about 6 carbons such as methyl, ethyl, propyl and butyl and branched groups such as isopropyl, sec-butyl and tert-butyl, and including halogenated alkyl, particularly fluoro-alkyl having 1 to about 6 carbon atoms; optionally substituted alkoxy having 1 to about 6 carbons such as methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy and butoxy, and including halogenated alkoxy, particularly fluoro-alkoxy having 1 to about 6 carbon atoms; optionally substituted alkylthio having 1 to about 6 carbons such as methylthio and ethylthio; optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl having 1 to about 6 carbons such as methylsulfinyl (-S(O)CH₃) and ethylsulfinyl (-S(O)CH₂CH₃); optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl having 1 to about 6 carbons such as methylsulfonyl (-S(O)₂CH₃) and ethylsulfonyl (-S(O)₂CH₂CH₃); and optionally substituted arylalkoxy such as benzyloxy (C₆H₅CH₂O-).

It should be understood that alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl and aminoalkyl substituent groups described above include groups where a hetero atom is directly bonded to a ring system, such as a carbocyclic aryl group or a heterocyclic group, as well as groups where a hetero atom of the group is spaced from such ring system by an alkylene linkage, e.g. of 1 to about 4 carbon atoms.

Also, in the above Formulae I through X and I' through X', additional preferred groups that may be R², R³ and R⁴ as those substituent groups are

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defined above, include optionally substituted sulfonamide, optionally substituted urea and optionally substituted thioamide.

Without wishing to be bound by theory, compounds of the invention
5 that contain an alkylsulfinyl and/or alkylsulfonyl group, may be, in effect, "pro-drugs" wherein after administration of the compound to a subject the sulfinyl or sulfonyl group(s) are metabolized (reduced) *in vivo* to the corresponding sulfide moiety.

10 Specifically preferred compounds of the invention include the following:

- N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-methylthiophenyl)guanidine;
- N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-iodophenylmethyl)guanidine;
- N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(1-naphthyl)guanidine;
- 15 N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
- N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-tertbutylphenyl)guanidine;
- N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-1-indolinylicarboximidamide;
- N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
- N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-1-[7-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline]
20 carboximidamide;
- N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-1-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline)carboximidamide;
- N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(2,5-dibromophenyl)guanidine;
- N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropoxyphenyl)guanidine;
- N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)guanidine;
- 25 N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(2-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
- N-(2,5-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-iodophenyl)guanidine;
- N-(2,5-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-methylthiophenyl)guanidine;
- N-(2,5-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(1-naphthyl)guanidine;
- N-(2,5-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
- 30 N-(2,5-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
- N-(2,5-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-tertbutylphenyl)guanidine;
- N-(2,5-dichlorobenzoyl)-1-indolinylicarboximidamide;
- N-(2,5-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
- N-(phenylacetyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;

- N-(phenylacetyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(phenylacetyl)-N'-(4-tert-butylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(phenylacetyl)-1-indolinyldicarboximidamide;
N-(phenylacetyl)-1-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline)carboximidamide;
5 N-(phenylacetyl)-N'-(4-isopropoxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(phenylacetyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)-N'-methylguanidine;
N-(adamantan-1-carbonyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-iodophenyl)guanidine;
N-(adamantan-1-carbonyl)-N'-(1-naphthyl)guanidine;
N-(adamantan-1-carbonyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
10 N-(adamantan-1-carbonyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(adamantan-1-carbonyl)-N'-(4-tert-butylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(adamantan-1-carbonyl)-1-(indolinyldicarboximidamide);
N-(adamantan-1-carbonyl)-1-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolinyldicarboximidamide);
N-(adamantan-1-carbonyl)-N'-(2,5-dibromophenyl)guanidine;
15 N-(adamantan-1-carbonyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)-N'-methylguanidine;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-iodophenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-methylthiophenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(1-naphthyl)guanidine;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
20 N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-tert-butylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-1-(indolinyldicarboximidamide);
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-1-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolinyldicarboximidamide);
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(2,5-dibromophenyl)guanidine;
25 N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-iodophenyl)guanidine;
N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(1-naphthyl)guanidine;
N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-tert-butylphenyl)guanidine;
30 N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-1-(indolinyldicarboximidamide);
N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-1-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolinyldicarboximidamide);
N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-iodophenyl)guanidine;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-methylthiophenyl)guanidine;

- N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-(1-naphthyl)guanidine;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-(4-tert-butylphenyl)guanidine;
5 N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-1-(indoliny)lcarboximidamide;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-1-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoliny)lcarboximidamide;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-iodophenyl)guanidine;
N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-methylthiophenyl)guanidine;
10 N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-N'-(1-naphthyl)guanidine;
N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-N'-(4-tert-butylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-1-(indoliny)lcarboximidamide;
15 N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-1-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoliny)lcarboximidamide;
N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)-N'-methylguanidine;
N-(pyridin-3-carbonyl)-N'-(1-naphthyl)guanidine;
N-(pyridin-3-carbonyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(pyridin-3-carbonyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
20 N-(pyridin-3-carbonyl)-N'-(4-tert-butylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(pyridin-3-carbonyl)-1-(indoliny)lcarboximidamide;
N-(pyridin-3-carbonyl)-1-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoliny)lcarboximidamide;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
25 N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropoxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-(4-isopropoxyphenyl)guanidine;
30 N-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropoxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-butoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-butoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropoxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-butoxybenzoyl)-N'-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)guanidine;

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- N-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropoxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(benzyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(2-phenethyl)guanidine;
5 N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(3-phenylpropyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(1-naphthylmethyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl)guanidine;
10 N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(5-phenylpentyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(3-phenoxypropyl)guanidine;
N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(benzyl)guanidine;
N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(3-phenylpropyl)guanidine;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(benzyl)guanidine;
15 N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(2-phenethyl)guanidine;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(benzyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-phenethyl)guanidine;
20 N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-(4-chlorophenylethyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(1-naphthylmethyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)guanidine;
N-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
25 N-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-phenethyl)guanidine;
N-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl)guanidine;
N-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(3-phenylpropyl)guanidine;
N-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(1-naphthylmethyl)guanidine;
N-(4-butoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
30 N-(4-butoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-phenethyl)guanidine;
N-(4-butoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl)guanidine;
N-(4-butoxybenzoyl)-N'-(3-phenylpropyl)guanidine;
N-(4-butoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-(3-indole)ethyl)guanidine;
N-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;

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- N-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-(3-indole)ethyl)guanidine;
 N-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-phenylethyl)guanidine;
 N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-(benzyl)guanidine;
 N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)guanidine;
 5 N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-(2-phenylethyl)guanidine;
 N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
 N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-(benzyl)guanidine;
 N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)guanidine;
 N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-(2-phenylethyl)guanidine;
 10 N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
 N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(cyclohexyl)-N''-methylguanidine;
 N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)-N''-methylguanidine;
 N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(5-phenylpentyl)guanidine;
 N-(2-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
 15 N-(2-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(2-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
 N-(2-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
 N-(2-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(3-phenylpropyl)guanidine;
 N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-phenoxypropyl)guanidine;
 N-(4-butoxybenzoyl)-N'-(5-phenylpentyl)guanidine;
 20 N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(2-phenoxyethyl)guanidine;
 N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-phenoxyethyl)guanidine;
 N-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-N'-[(2-benzylthio)ethyl]guanidine;
 N-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)guanidine;
 and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

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Additional specifically preferred compounds of the invention include the following:

- N-(2-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(2-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
 N-(2-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
 30 N-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)guanidine;
 N-benzoyl-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
 N-benzoyl-N'-(4-isopropoxyphenyl)guanidine;
 N-benzoyl-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
 N-benzoyl-N'-(2-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;

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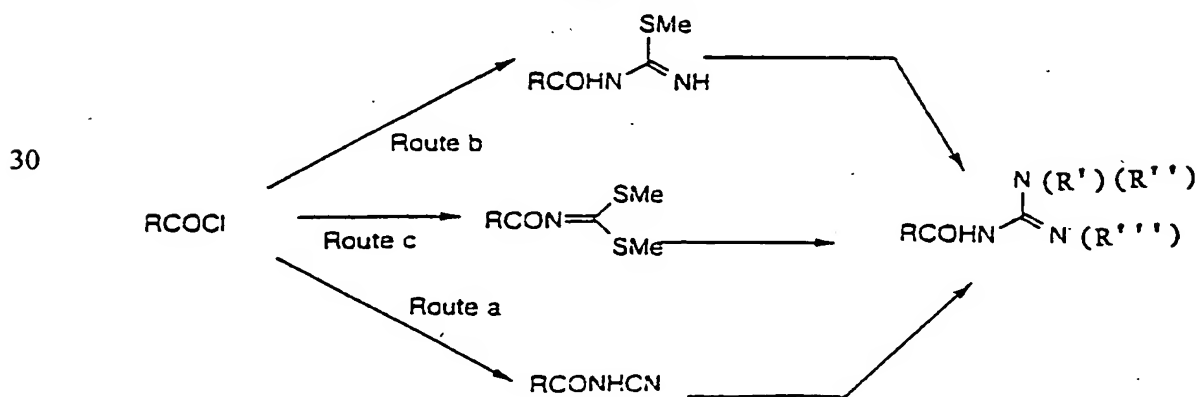
- N-(2,6-dichlorophenacetyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(2,6-dichlorophenacetyl)-N'-(phenyl)guanidine;
N-(2,6-dichlorophenacetyl)-N'-(4-isopropyl)phenylguanidine;
N-(2,6-dichlorophenacetyl)-1-(indolinyl)carboxamidamide;
5 N-(2-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropyl)phenylguanidine;
N-(2-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(2-chlorobenzoyl)-1-(indolinyl)carboxamidamide;
N-(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(2-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
10 N-(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)-1-(indolinyl)carboxamidamide;
N-(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(trimethoxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(2,3-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropyl)phenylguanidine;
N-(2,3-dichlorobenzoyl)-1-(indolinyl)carboxamidamide;
15 N-(2,3-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(5-phenylpentyl)guanidine;
N-(2-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
N-(2-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(3-phenylpropyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(3-phenoxypropyl)guanidine;
20 N-(4-butoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(3-phenoxyethyl)guanidine;
N-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(3-benzylthioethyl)guanidine;
N-benzoyl-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
N-benzoyl-N'-(3-phenoxypropyl)guanidine;
25 N-benzoyl-N'-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)guanidine;
N-benzoyl-N'-(2-benzylthioethyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-[(indol-3-yl)-2-ethyl]guanidine;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-[(indol-3-yl)-2-ethyl]guanidine;
N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-[(indol-3-yl)-2-ethyl]guanidine;
30 N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-[(indol-3-yl)-2-ethyl]guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-butylguanidine;
N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-N'-(3-phenylpropyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(2-benzylthioethyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(1-indanyl)guanidine;

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- N-(N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(1-indanyl)guanidine;
 N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(1-indanyl)guanidine;
 N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-[(imidazol-1-yl)-3-propyl]guanidine;
 N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-N'-[(imidazol-1-yl)-3-propyl]guanidine;
 5 N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(2-benzylthioethyl)guanidine;
 N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(2-benzylthioethyl)guanidine;
 N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-(2-benzylthioethyl)guanidine;
 N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-(2-benzylthioethyl)guanidine;
 N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-[(thiophen-2-yl)-2-ethyl]guanidine;
 10 N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-[(thiophen-2-yl)-2-ethyl]guanidine;
 N-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl)-N'-[(thiophen-2-yl)-2-ethyl]guanidine;
 N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-N'-[(thiophen-2-yl)-2-ethyl]guanidine;
 N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-[(thiophen-2-yl)-2-ethyl]guanidine;
 N-(2,3-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
 15 N-(2,5-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
 N-(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
 N-(2,6-dichlorophenylacetyl)-N'-benzylguanidine;
 N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(2-phenoxyethyl)guanidine;
 N-(benzoyl)-N'-[indol-3-yl-2-yl]guanidine;
 20 N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-(4-chlorobenzyl)guanidine; and
 N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-[(imidazol-1-yl)-3-propyl]guanidine;
 and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Compounds of the invention can be suitably prepared by one or more
 25 of several routes which are generally depicted in the following Scheme.

SCHEME



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More specifically, as generally depicted in "Route a" above, compounds of the invention can be prepared by reaction of a suitable amine precursor compound with a suitable substituted cyanamide compound that provides the desired R group of compounds of Formulae I through X as well as Formulae I' through X'.

Suitable amine precursor compounds include e.g. a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic amine, a substituted or unsubstituted arylalkylamine, a substituted or unsubstituted indolinyl (or derivative thereof) compound to prepare compounds of Formula II or II', substituted or unsubstituted 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolinyl (or derivative thereof) compound to prepare compounds of Formula III or III', or an optionally substituted benz[cd]indolinyl compound, optionally substituted 5,6-dihydrophenanthridinyl compound, optionally substituted 2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-[1,5]-benzothiazepine compounds (or derivative thereof, e.g. where Y is other atom), 2a,3,4,5-tetrabenz[cd]indoline compound, 5,6,11,12-tetrahydrodiben[b,f]azocine compound, etc. to prepare compounds of Formulae III through X as well as Formulae III' through X'. A secondary amine can be employed to prepare compounds of Formulae I and I' where R² is other than hydrogen. For example, an N-methylaniline or other N-alkylaniline can be employed to provide an alkyl R² substituent for compounds of Formulae I and I'.

Suitable cyanamide compounds will include aryloylcyanamide compounds (i.e. aryl(C=O)NHCN) such as substituted or unsubstituted benzoylcyanamide and the like; an arylalkanoyl cyanamide such as substituted or unsubstituted phenylacetylcyanamide (C₆H₅COCH₂NHCN) and the like; a cyclic alkanoyl cyanamide such as adamantanecarbonylcyanamide and the like; or a heteroaromatic(carbonyl)cyanamide or a heteroalicyclic(carbonyl)cyanamide such as (2-thiophenecarbonyl)cyanamide, (3-thiophenecarbonyl)cyanamide, (1-furanylcarbonyl)cyanamide, (2-furanylcarbonyl)cyanamide, (1-pyridylcarbonyl)cyanamide, (2-pyridylcarbonyl)cyanamide, (3-

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pyridylcarbonyl)cyanamide, (1-tetrahydrofuranylcabonyl)cyanamide, (2-tetrahydrofuranylcabonyl)cyanamide and the like; or (for compounds of Formulae I' through X') an aralkyl, heteroaryl alkyl or heteroalicyclic alkyl reagent such as e.g. methyl phenylacetate and the like. See the examples
5 which follow.

The cyanamide reactants can be readily prepared, e.g. by reaction of the corresponding substituted carbonylchloride reactant with cyanamide under suitable conditions, e.g. in the presence of base with stirring at room
10 temperature until reaction completion. The reaction solution with the thus formed substituted cyanamide then can be neutralized and the product isolated by standard procedures. See the Examples which follow for exemplary conditions.

Typically a salt (e.g. an HCl salt) of the amine precursor compound is reacted with the substituted cyanamide reagent. The amine precursor can be reacted with the substituted cyanamide reagent in a suitable solvent such as chlorobenzene, toluene or xylene with heating (e.g. reflux
15 temperature) until reaction completion, e.g. 2 or more hours.

As generally depicted in "Route b" above, compounds of the invention also can be prepared by reaction of a substituted carbonylisothiurea (RCONHC(=NH)SCH₃ in above Route b) and a substituted amine precursor compound, typically a substituted aliphatic amine such as a
20 arylalkylamine, e.g. NH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂C₆H₅. This "Route b" is particularly suitable for synthesis of compounds of Formulae I or II where the substituent X is alkylene.

The isothiurea reagent can be readily prepared by reaction of S-methylisothiurea with a desired substituted carbonyl chloride such as a
30 benzoyl chloride compound in the presence of base and in a suitable solvent such as aqueous diethyl ether at room temperature with stirring overnight. For exemplary conditions, see Example 5, Part I; Example 6, Part I; Example 7, Part I; and Example 8, Part I, which follow. The thus formed isothiurea

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derivative is then reacted with the substituted amine in the presence of base such as triethylamine in a suitable solvent such as toluene, chlorobenzene or other aromatic solvent with heating, e.g. reflux temperature. See Example 5, Part I; Example 6, Part I; Example 7, Part I; and Example 8, Part I, which follow for exemplary conditions.

As generally depicted in "Route c" above, compounds of the invention that contain an N"-substituent that is other than hydrogen (i.e. one or both of R¹ in Formulae I through X or Formulae I' through X' is other than hydrogen) can be suitably prepared by reaction of a substituted carbimidodithiolate (RCON=C(SCH₃)₂ in above Route c) and sequential reactions of substituted amine precursor compounds. The substituted carbimidodithiolate can be prepared by reaction of a desired substituted amide compound with carbon disulfide in a suitable solvent such as tetrahydrofuran and in the presence of base such as sodium hydride. The isolated substituted carbimidodithiolate compound is reacted with a slight molar excess of a desired substituted amine (provides the desired R group). The resultant thiourea is further reacted with a substituted amine to provide N" substitution. See Example 9 which follows for exemplary conditions.

As discussed above, the present invention includes methods for treating preventing certain neurological disorders, including the consequences of stroke, heart attack and traumatic head or brain injury, epilepsy or neurodegenerative diseases comprising the administration of an effective amount of one or more compounds of the invention to a subject including a mammal, such as a primate, especially a human, in need of such treatment. In particular, the invention provides methods for treatment and/or prophylaxis of nerve cell death (degeneration) resulting e.g. from hypoxia, hypoglycemia, brain or spinal cord ischemia, brain or spinal cord trauma, stroke, heart attack or drowning. Typical candidates for treatment include e.g. heart attack, stroke and/or persons suffering from cardiac arrest neurological deficits, brain or spinal cord injury patients, patients undergoing major surgery such as heart surgery where brain ischemia is a

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potential complication and patients such as divers suffering from decompression sickness due to gas emboli in the blood stream. Candidates for treatment also will include those patients undergoing a surgical procedure involving extra-corporal circulation such as e.g. a bypass
5 procedure. Subjects suffering from or susceptible to peripheral neuropathy can be treated in accordance with the invention by administration of an effective amount of one or more compounds of Formulae I through X or Formulae I' through X'.

10 The invention in particular provides methods for treatment which comprise administration of one or more compounds of the invention to a patient that is undergoing surgery or other procedure where brain or spinal cord ischemia is a potential risk. For example, carotid endarterectomy is a surgical procedure employed to correct atherosclerosis of the carotid
15 arteries. Major risks associated with the procedure include intraoperative embolization and the danger of hypertension in the brain following increased cerebral blood flow, which may result in aneurism or hemorrhage. Thus, an effective amount of one or more compounds of the present invention could be administered pre-operatively or peri-operatively to reduce
20 such risks associated with carotid endarterectomy, or other post-surgical neurological deficits.

The invention further includes methods for prophylaxis against neurological deficits resulting from e.g. coronary artery bypass graft surgery
25 and aortic valve replacement surgery, or other procedure involving extra-corporal circulation. Those methods will comprise administering to a patient undergoing such surgical procedures an effective amount of one or more compounds of the invention, typically either pre-operatively or peri-operatively.

30 The invention also provides methods for prophylaxis and treatment against neurological injury for patients undergoing myocardial infarction, a procedure that can result in ischemic insult to the patient. Such methods will comprise administering to a patient undergoing such surgical procedure

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an effective amount of one or more compounds of the invention, typically either pre-operatively or peri-operatively.

Also provided are methods for treating or preventing neuropathic pain
5 such as may experienced by cancer patients, persons having diabetes, amputees and other persons who may experience neuropathic pain. These methods for treatment comprise administration of an effective amount of one or more compounds of the invention to a patient in need of such treatment.

10 The invention also provides methods for treatment and prophylaxis against retinal ischemia or degeneration and resulting visual loss. For example, a compound of the invention can be administered parenterally or by other procedure as described herein to a subject suffering from or
15 susceptible to ischemic insult that may adversely affect retinal function, e.g., significantly elevated intraocular pressures, diseases such as retinal artery or vein occlusion, diabetes or other ischemic ocular-related diseases. Post-ischemic administration also may limit retinal damage. The invention also includes methods for treating and prophylaxis against decreased blood
20 flow or nutrient supply to retinal tissue or optic nerve, or treatment or prophylaxis against retinal trauma or optic nerve injury. Subjects for treatment according to such therapeutic methods of the invention may be suffering or susceptible to retinal ischemia that is associated with atherosclerosis, venous capillary insufficiency, obstructive arterial or venous
25 retinopathies, senile macular degeneration, cystoid macular edema or glaucoma, or the retinal ischemia may be associated with a tumor or injury to the mammal. Intravitreal injection of a compound of the invention also may be a preferred administration route to provide more direct treatment to the ischemic retina.

30 The invention also provides methods for treatment of a subject suffering from shingles as well as treatment of a person suffering from or susceptible to migraines, particularly to alleviate the pain and discomfort associated with those disorders. As discussed above, compounds of the

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invention are also useful to treat persons suffering from various types of pain, including chronic pain. These methods comprise administration of an effective amount of one or more compounds of the invention to a patient in need of treatment.

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The invention further provides a method of treating Korsakoff's disease, a chronic alcoholism-induced condition, comprising administering to a subject including a mammal, particularly a human, one or more compounds of the invention in an amount effective to treat the disease.

10 Compounds of the invention are anticipated to have utility for the attenuation of cell loss, hemorrhages and/or amino acid changes associated with Korsakoff's disease.

As discussed above, the invention also includes methods for treating a person suffering from or susceptible to cerebral palsy, emesis, narcotic withdrawal symptoms and age-dependent dementia, comprising administering to a subject including a mammal, particularly a human, one or more compounds of the invention in an amount effective to treat the condition.

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The invention also includes methods for treatment of infections, including Gram-negative and Gram-positive bacterial infections, comprising administering a combination of 1) an aminoglycoside antibiotic, and 2) a compound of Formulae I, IA, IB, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX and/or X as well as Formulae I', IA', IB', II', III', IV', V', VI', VII', VIII', IX' and/or X' as defined herein. A wide variety of aminoglycoside antibiotics are suitable for use in the formulations of the invention. Typically, suitable aminoglycoside antibiotics contain two or more amino sugars (aminoglycosides) connected to an amino-cyclitol nucleus. Exemplary aminoglycoside antibiotics preferred for use in formulations of the present invention include clinical agents such as gentamycin, amikacin, kanamycin, streptomycin, paromoycin, neomycin, netilmicin and tobramycin. Other suitable aminoglycosides include seldomycins, sisomycins, aurimycin, lividomycins, streptothricins, hybrimycins, coralinomycin, butirosin, streptomutins,

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nebramycins, tenebrimycins, ribostamycins, destomycins, trehalosamines, myomycins, fortimicins, mutamicins and kasugamycin. Suitable aminoglycoside antibiotics are also disclosed in U.S. Patents Nos. 5,508,269; 4,645,760; and 4,380,625. It should be appreciated however that the present invention is not limited by any particular aminoglycoside antibiotic, and the invention is applicable to any aminoglycoside antibiotic now known or subsequently discovered or developed. The aminoglycoside and one or more compounds of the invention may be administered simultaneously, in the same or different pharmaceutical formulations, or sequentially. Preferably, the components of the combination are administered substantially simultaneously, e.g. in a unitary pharmaceutical composition containing the two components. Preferred methods and compositions that comprise an aminoglycoside in combination with a compound of the invention will be effective against infections previously treated with aminoglycoside antibiotics, but with the significant advantage of decreased occurrence of ototoxicity relative to use of an aminoglycoside antibiotic alone.

As discussed above, preferred compounds of the invention in a standard anticonvulsant *in vivo* audiogenic test, such as the audiogenic mouse assay of Example 11 which follows, where DBA/2 mice about 20-23 days old are injected intraperitoneally with a test compound 30 minutes prior to being placed in a bell jar with exposure to auditory stimulus of 12KHz sine wave at 110-120 db. References herein *in vivo* "audiogenic assay" are intended to refer to that protocol. Generally preferred compounds exhibit 20% or more inhibition (relative to subjects treated with vehicle control only) at a dose of 20 mg/kg, more preferably about 50% or more inhibition at a dose of 20 mg/kg in such an *in vivo* audiogenic assay. As discussed above, activity in the audiogenic assay has been recognized as indicative that a test compound has neuroprotective properties. See, e.g., M. Tricklebank et al., *European Journal of Pharmacology*, *supra*; T. Seyfried, *Federation Proceedings*, *supra*.

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The invention also provides methods for determining binding activity of compounds of the invention as well as *in vitro* and *in vivo* binding activity diagnostic methods using one or more radiolabelled compounds of the invention, e.g., a compound of the invention that is labeled with ^{125}I , tritium, ^{32}P , ^{99}Tc , or the like, preferably ^{125}I . For instance, a compound of the invention having a phenyl or other aryl substituent that is ring substituted with one or more ^{125}I groups can be administered to a mammal and the subject then scanned for binding of the compound. Specifically, single photon emission computed tomography ("SPECT") can be employed to detect such binding. Such an analysis of the mammal could e.g. aid in the diagnosis and treatment of acute cerebral ischemia. That is, a labeled compound of the invention will selectively bind to ischemic tissue of e.g. a subject's brain to differentiate between ischemic and non-ischemic tissue and thereby assess trauma or other injury to the brain.

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Accordingly, the invention includes compounds of the invention that contain a radiolabel such as ^{125}I , tritium, ^{32}P , ^{99}Tc , or the like, preferably ^{125}I . Such radiolabelled compounds can be suitably prepared by procedures known in the synthesis art. For example, a compound of the invention having an aromatic group, such as phenyl, that has a bromo or chloro ring substituent can be employed in an exchange labeling reaction to provide the corresponding compound having an ^{125}I ring substituent.

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Compounds of the invention may be used in therapy in conjunction with other medicaments. For example, for treatment of a stroke victim or a person susceptible to stroke, one or more compounds of Formula I may be suitably administered together with a pharmaceutical targeted for interaction in the blood clotting mechanism such as streptokinase, tPA, urokinase and other agents that lyse clots. Also, one or more compounds of the invention may be administered together with agents such as heparin and related heparin-based compounds, acenocoumarol or other known anticoagulants.

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The compounds of this invention can be administered intranasally, orally or by injection, e.g., intramuscular, intraperitoneal, subcutaneous or intravenous injection, or by transdermal, intraocular or enteral means. The optimal dose can be determined by conventional means. Compounds of the invention are suitably administered to a subject in the protonated and water-soluble form, e.g., as a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of an organic or inorganic acid, e.g., hydrochloride, sulfate, hemi-sulfate, phosphate, nitrate, acetate, oxalate, citrate, maleate, mesylate, etc.

Compounds of the invention can be employed, either alone or in combination with one or more other therapeutic agents as discussed above, as a pharmaceutical composition in mixture with conventional excipient, i.e., pharmaceutically acceptable organic or inorganic carrier substances suitable for parenteral, enteral or intranasal application which do not deleteriously react with the active compounds and are not deleterious to the recipient thereof. Suitable pharmaceutically acceptable carriers include but are not limited to water, salt solutions, alcohol, vegetable oils, polyethylene glycols, gelatin, lactose, amylose, magnesium stearate, talc, silicic acid, viscous paraffin, perfume oil, fatty acid monoglycerides and diglycerides, petroethral fatty acid esters, hydroxymethyl-cellulose, polyvinylpyrrolidone, etc. The pharmaceutical preparations can be sterilized and if desired mixed with auxiliary agents, e.g., lubricants, preservatives, stabilizers, wetting agents, emulsifiers, salts for influencing osmotic pressure, buffers, colorings, flavorings and/or aromatic substances and the like which do not deleteriously react with the active compounds.

For parenteral application, particularly suitable are solutions, preferably oily or aqueous solutions as well as suspensions, emulsions, or implants, including suppositories. Ampules are convenient unit dosages.

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For enteral application, particularly suitable are tablets, dragees or capsules having talc and/or carbohydrate carrier binder or the like, the carrier preferably being lactose and/or corn starch and/or potato starch. A syrup, elixir or the like can be used wherein a sweetened vehicle is

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employed. Sustained release compositions can be formulated including those wherein the active component is protected with differentially degradable coatings, e.g., by microencapsulation, multiple coatings, etc.

5 For topical applications, formulations may be prepared in a topical ointment or cream containing one or more compounds of the invention. When formulated as an ointment, one or more compounds of the invention suitably may be employed with either a paraffinic or a water-miscible base. The one or more compounds also may be formulated with an oil-in-water
10 cream base. Other suitable topical formulations include e.g. lozenges and dermal patches.

 Intravenous or parenteral administration, e.g., sub-cutaneous, intraperitoneal or intramuscular administration are preferred. The
15 compounds of this invention are particularly valuable in the treatment of mammalian subjects, e.g., humans, to provide neuroprotective therapy and/or prophylaxis. Typically, such subjects include those afflicted with neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease, Down's
20 Syndrome and Korsakoff's disease. Also suitable for treatment are those subjects suffering from or likely to suffer from nervous system dysfunctions resulting from, for example, epilepsy or nerve cell degeneration which is the result of hypoxia, hypoglycemia, brain or spinal chord ischemia or brain or spinal chord trauma. As discussed above, typical candidates for treatment
25 include heart attack, stroke, brain or spinal cord injury patients, patients undergoing major surgery where brain or spinal cord ischemia is a potential complication and patients such as divers suffering from decompression sickness due to gas emboli in the blood stream.

30 It will be appreciated that the actual preferred amounts of active compounds used in a given therapy will vary according to the specific compound being utilized, the particular compositions formulated, the mode of application, the particular site of administration, etc. Optimal administration rates for a given protocol of administration can be readily

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ascertained by those skilled in the art using conventional dosage determination tests conducted with regard to the foregoing guidelines. In general, a suitable effective dose of one or more compounds of the invention, particularly when using the more potent compound(s) of the invention, will be in the range of from 0.01 to 100 milligrams per kilogram of bodyweight of recipient per day, preferably in the range of from 0.01 to 20 milligrams per kilogram bodyweight of recipient per day, more preferably in the range of 0.05 to 4 milligrams per kilogram bodyweight of recipient per day. The desired dose is suitably administered once daily, or several sub-doses, e.g. 2 to 4 sub-doses, are administered at appropriate intervals through the day, or other appropriate schedule. Such sub-doses may be administered as unit dosage forms, e.g., containing from 0.05 to 10 milligrams of compound(s) of the invention, per unit dosage, preferably from 0.2 to 2 milligrams per unit dosage.

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Compounds of the invention also should be useful as rubber accelerators. See U.S. Patent No. 1,411,713 for a discussion of rubber accelerator applications.

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The entire text of all documents cited herein are incorporated by reference herein. The following non-limiting examples are illustrative of the invention.

GENERAL COMMENTS

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Melting points were determined in open capillary tubes on a Mel-Temp II apparatus and are uncorrected. Yields are of isolated products and were not optimized. ¹H-NMR were run on a Varian Gemini 300 MHz spectrophotometer and the chemical shifts were reported in ppm (δ) relative to the residual signal of deuterated solvent (CHD₂OD 3.30, CDCl₃ 7.26).

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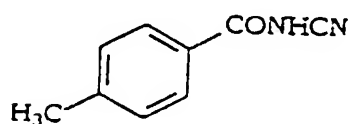
HPLC purity determinations were carried out using a Beckman 126 gradient system with UV detection at 220 nm. Linear 30 minutes gradient: 2 to 98% CH₃CN in H₂O (0.1% TFA) Column: Ultrasphere ODS (AC-2) 5mm 4.6 X 250 mm with C-18 guard column, flow rate 1 ml/min.

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EXAMPLE 1: Synthesis of N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine, hydrochloride (Formula I: hydrochloride salt of R=4-CH₃C₆H₄; each R¹=R²=H; X=chemical bond; R³=4-isopropylphenyl)

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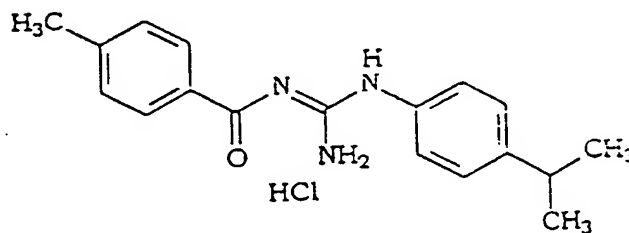
Part I: 4-methylbenzoylcyanamide



To a solution of cyanamide (1.05 g, 0.025 mmol) in 25 ml of sodium hydroxide (10%) was added slowly to a solution of 4-methylbenzoyl chloride (3.3 ml, 0.025 mmol) in ether (8 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The reaction mixture then was cooled in ice bath and acidified with hydrochloric acid (10%) to pH 2. The white solid separated was filtered, washed with water, later hexanes and dried under high vacuum to give the N-(4-methylbenzoyl)cyanamide (3.4 g); m.p. 140-142°C (lit m.p. 149-150°C); purity 88% HPLC; ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 2.42 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.38 (d, 2H, ArH), 7.78 (d, 2H, ArH).

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Part II: N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine, hydrochloride



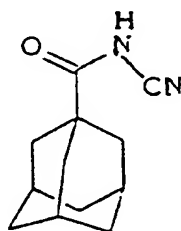
A mixture of N-(4-methylbenzoylcyanamide) (160 mg, 1 mmol) and 4-isopropylaniline•hydrochloride (185 mg [prepared from 4-isopropylaniline

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and hydrogen chloride (1M in ether)) in toluene (4 ml) was refluxed for 3 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, the precipitated white solid was filtered, washed with toluene and finally with hexanes to afford the title product, (268 mg, 78%); m.p. 208-210°C; purity 99.3% (HPLC); ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 1.28 (2s, 6H, CH₃), 2.42 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃), 3.02 (m, 1H, CH), 7.38 (d, 2H, ArH), 7.42 (m, 4H, ArH), 8.0 (d, 2H, ArH).

EXAMPLE 2: Preparation of N-(1-adamantancarbonyl)-1-indolinylicarboxamidine, hydrochloride ((Formula II: hydrochloride salt of R=1-adamantyl; each R¹=R²=R³=H)

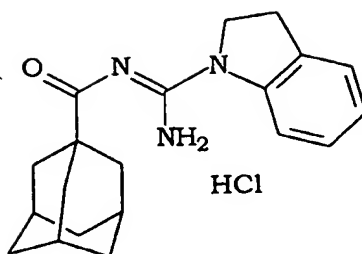
Part I: Adamantancarbonylcyanamide



To a solution of cyanamide (2.52 g, 0.06 mol) in 24 ml of sodium hydroxide (10%) was added slowly to a solution of 1-adamantanecarbonylchloride (4g, 0.02 mol) in ether (15 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was extracted with ether and the aqueous layer was cooled in ice bath and acidified with hydrochloric acid (10%) to pH 2. The precipitated white solid was filtered, washed with water, later hexanes and dried under high vacuum to give the N-(1-adamantancarbonyl)cyanamide (3.2 g, 78%); m.p. 164-166°C (lit m.p. 168-170°C); purity 94% HPLC; ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 1.45-2.16 (m, 15H, CH₂ and CH).

Part II: N-(1-adamantancarbonyl)-1-indolinylicarboxamidine, hydrochloride

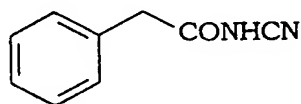
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A mixture of N-(1-adamantanecarbonyl)cyanamide (200 mg, 0.88 mmol) and indoline hydrochloride (155 mg [prepared from indoline and hydrogen chloride (1M in ether)]) in toluene (4 ml) was refluxed for 3 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, the precipitated white solid was filtered, washed with toluene and finally with hexanes to afford the title product, (339 mg, 78%); m.p. 252-256°C; Purity 99% (HPLC); ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 1.65 (m, 15H, CH₂ and CH), 3.2 (t, 2H, ArCH₂), 4.2 (t, 2H, NCH₂), 7.25 (m, 1H, arH), 7.36 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.42 (m, 1H, ArH).

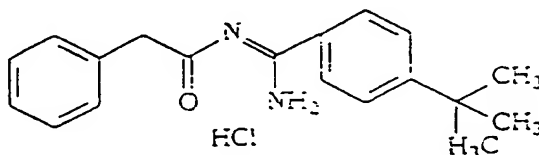
EXAMPLE 3: Preparation of N-(phenylacetyl)-N'-(4-t-butylphenyl)guanidine, hydrochloride (Formula I: hydrochloride salt of R=C₆H₅; each R¹=R²=H; X=chemical bond; R³=4-tert-butylphenyl)

Part I: Phenylacetylcyanamide



This compound was prepared in 83% yield by the method described in Example 2, Part I above using phenylacetyl chloride in place of adamantane-1-carbonyl chloride. Phenylacetylcyanamide: a white solid; purity 92% (HPLC); ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 2.3 (s, 2H), 7.25-7.45 (m, 5H).

Part II: N-(Phenylacetyl)-N'-(4-t-butylphenyl)guanidine, hydrochloride

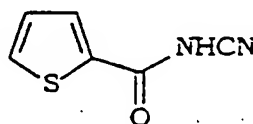


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Synthesis of this compound was achieved by the method set forth in Example 1, Part II above with the use of phenylacetylcyanamide in place of 4-methylbenzoylcyanamide and using 4-t-butylaniline hydrochloride instead of 4-isopropylaniline hydrochloride respectively. Yield 69%; m.p. 182-186°C; Purity 86% (HPLC); ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 1.38 (s, 9H, CH₃), 3.84 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.3 (d, 2H, ArH), 7.3-7.45 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.6 (d, 2H, ArH).

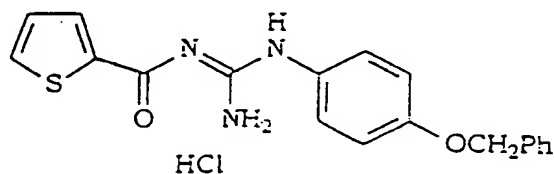
EXAMPLE 4: Preparation of N-(2-thiophenecarbonyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine, hydrochloride (Formula I: hydrochloride salt of R=2-thiophenyl; each R¹=R²=H; X=chemical bond; R³=4-C₆H₅CH₂OC₆H₄-)

Part I: (2-Thiophenecarbonyl)cyanamide



This compound was prepared in 73% yield by the method described in Example 2, Part I above using 2-thiophenecarbonylchloride in place of adamantane-1-carbonyl chloride. N-(2-thiophenecarbonyl)cyanamide: a white solid; purity 96% (HPLC); ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 7.2 (m, 1H), 7.8 (d, 1H), 7.9 (d, 1H).

Part II: N-(2-Thiophenecarbonyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine, hydrochloride



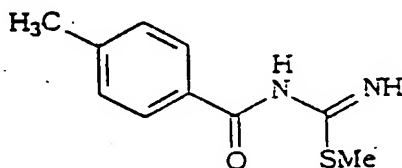
Synthesis of this compound was achieved by the method set forth in Example 1, Part II above with the use of N-(2-thiophenecarbonyl)cyanamide

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in place of N-(4-methylbenzoyl)cyanamide and using 4-benzylcyanamide and using 4-benzylcyanamide hydrochloride instead of 4-isopropylaniline hydrochloride respectively. Yield 61%; m.p. 198-202°C; Purity 93% (HPLC); ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 5.18 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.18 (d, 2H), 7.22-7.4 (m, 6H), 7.44 (d, 2H), 7.9 (d, 1H), 8.18 (d, 1H).

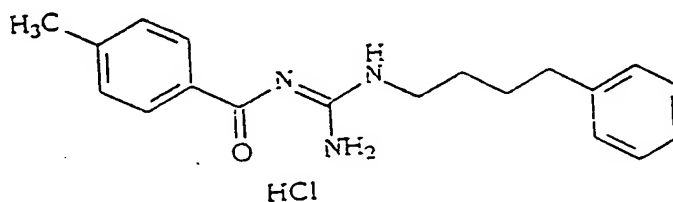
EXAMPLE 5 : Preparation of N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine, hydrochloride (Formula I: hydrochloride salt of R=4-CH₃C₆H₄; each R¹=R²=H; X=CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂; R³=C₆H₅)

Part I: N-(4-Methylbenzoyl)-S-methylisothiurea



A solution of 2-methyl-2-thiopseudourea sulfate (6.9 g, 0.025 mol) in 30 ml of sodium hydroxide (4%) was added a solution of 4-methylbenzoyl chloride (3.4 g, 0.022 mol) in ether (10 ml) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight and the precipitated solid was filtered, washed with water, later hexanes and dried under high vacuum. N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-S-methylisothiurea: yield 4.60 g (quantitative); purity 98% (HPLC); ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 2.4 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.6 (s, 3H, SMe), 7.2 (d, 2H, ArH), 8.1 (d, 2H, ArH).

Part II: N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine, hydrochloride



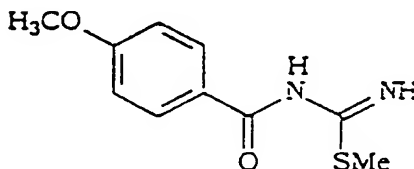
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Phenylbutyl amine (0.75 ml, 4.75 mmol) and triethylamine (0.7 ml, 5 mmol) was added to a suspension of the thiourea derivative (1.04 g, 5 mmol), prepared in Part I, in toluene (10 ml). The reaction mixture was heated in an oilbath to reflux and maintained at reflux for 3 hours. The free base separated on cooling was filtered, washed with hexanes and dried to afford the solid (1.3 g).

The free base (1.3 g) was dissolved in methanol (30 ml) and dichloromethane (25 ml) and cooled in an ice water bath. Hydrogen chloride (1M in ether, 20 ml) was added, stirred for 30 minutes, concentrated under reduced pressure. N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine, hydrochloride: white solid (1.43 g, 84%); m.p. 166-170°C; Purity: 99% (HPLC); ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 1.74 (m, 4H, CH₂), 2.43 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.69 (t, 2H, CH₂), 3.38 (t, 2H, CH₂), 7.2 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.4 (d, 2H, ArH), 7.9 (d, 2H, ArH).

EXAMPLE 6: Preparation of N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine, hydrochloride (Formula I: hydrochloride salt of R=4-CH₃OC₆H₄; each R¹=R²=H; X=CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂; R³=C₆H₅)

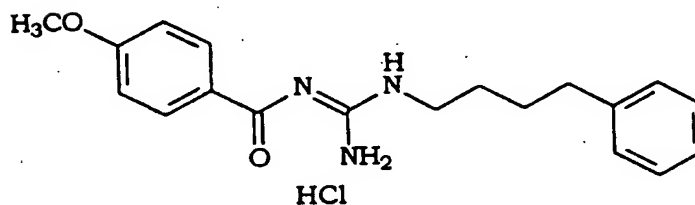
Part I: N-(4-Methoxybenzoyl)-S-methylisothiurea



Synthesis of this compound was achieved by the method set forth in Example 5, Part I above with the use of 4-methoxybenzoyl chloride in place of 4-methylbenzoyl chloride. N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-S-methylisothiurea: white solid (83% yield); Purity 99% (HPLC); ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 2.57 (s, 3H, SCH₃), 3.86 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.94 (d, 2H, ArH), 8.15 (d, 2H, ArH).

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Part II: N-(4-Methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine,
hydrochloride

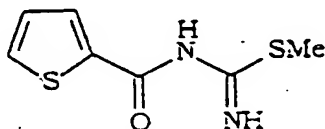


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Preparation of this compound was carried out by the method as described in Example 5, Part II above using 4-methoxybenzoyl-S-methylisothiurea in place of 4-methylbenzoyl-S-methylisothiurea. N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine, hydrochloride: white solid
10 (55%); m.p. 172-174°C; Purity 99% (HPLC); ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 1.74 (m, 4H, CH₂), 2.67 (t, 2H, CH₂), 3.37 (t, 2H, CH₂), 3.89 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.10 (d, 2H, ArH), 7.22 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.97 (d, 2H, ArH).

EXAMPLE 7: N-(2-thiophenecarbonyl)-N'-(2-phenylethyl)guanidine,
15 hydrochloride (Formula I: hydrochloride salt of R=2-thiophenyl; each R¹=R²=H; X=CH₂CH₂; R³=C₆H₅)

Part I: N-(2-Thiophenecarbonyl)-S-methylisothiurea

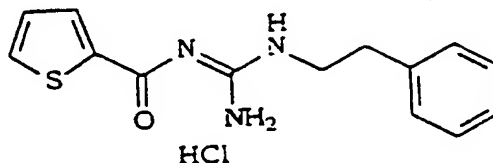


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Synthesis of this compound was achieved by the method set forth in Example 5, Part I above with the use of 2-thiophenecarbonyl chloride in place of 4-methylbenzoyl chloride. N-(2-thiophenecarbonyl)-S-methylisothiurea: white solid (73% yield); Purity 91.2% (HPLC); ¹H-NMR.
25 (CD₃OD) δ 2.76 (s, 3H, SCH₃), 7.26 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.01 (d, 1H, ArH), 8.12 (d, 1H, ArH).

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Part II: N-(2-Thiophenecarbonyl)-N'-(2-phenylethyl)guanidine, hydrochloride

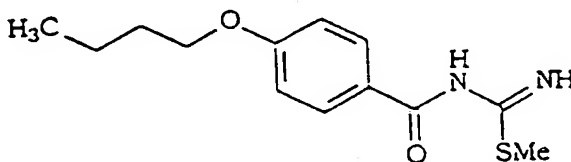


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Preparation of this compound was carried out by the method as described in Example 5, Part II above using N-(2-thiophenecarbonyl)-S-methylisothiurea in place of 4-methylbenzoyl-S-methylisothiurea and 2-phenylethylamine instead of 4-phenylbutylamine respectively. N-(2-thiophenecarbonyl)-N'-(2-phenylethyl)guanidine, hydrochloride: white solid (58%); m.p. 198-200°C; Purity 97% (HPLC); ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 3.00 (t, 2H, CH₂), 3.65 (t, 2H, CH₂), 7.2 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.28 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.97 (d, 2H, ArH).

15 EXAMPLE 8: N-(4-Butoxybenzoyl)-N'-[2-(indol-3-yl)ethyl]guanidine, hydrochloride (Formula I: hydrochloride salt of R=4-CH₃(CH₂)₃OC₆H₄; each R¹=R²=H; X=CH₂CH₂; R³=3-indolyl)

20 Part I: N-(4-Butoxybenzoyl)-S-methylisothiurea



This compound was prepared following the method as described in Example 6, Part I above using 4-butoxybenzoyl chloride in place of 4-methoxybenzoyl chloride. N-(4-butoxybenzoyl)-S-methylisothiurea: white solid (85%); Purity 95% (HPLC); ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 1.0 (t, 3H, CH₃), 1.50 (m,

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2H, CH₂), 1.78 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.56 (s, 3H, SCH₃), 4.03 (t, 2H, OCH₂), 6.93 (d, 2H, ArH), 8.14 (d, 2H, ArH).

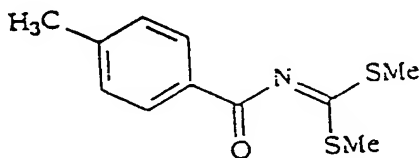
Part II: N-(4-Butoxybenzoyl)-N'-[2-(indol-3-yl)ethyl]guanidine,
hydrochloride



Preparation of this compound was carried out by the method as described in Example 5, Part II above using N-(4-butoxybenzoyl)-S-methylisothiourrea in place of 4-methylbenzoyl-S-methylisothiourrea and 3-(2-aminoethyl)indole (tryptamine) instead of 4-phenylbutylamine respectively. N-(4-butoxybenzoyl)-N'-[2-(indol-3-yl)ethyl]guanidine, hydrochloride: solid (yield 28%); m.p. 158-162°C; Purity 95% (HPLC); ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 0.99 (t, 3H, CH₃), 1.49 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.76 (m, 2H, CH₂), 3.28 (t, 2H, CH₂), 3.69 (t, 2H, CH₂), 4.05 (t, 2H, CH₂), 7.04 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.2 (d, 1H), 7.32 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.56 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.86 (d, 2H, ArH).

EXAMPLE 9: N-(4-Methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)-N''-methylguanidine, hydrochloride (Formula I: hydrochloride salt of R=4-CH₃C₆H₄; first R¹=CH₃, second R¹=H; R²=H; X=CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂; R³=C₆H₅)

Part I: Dimethyl N-(4-methylbenzoyl)carbimidodithiolate)

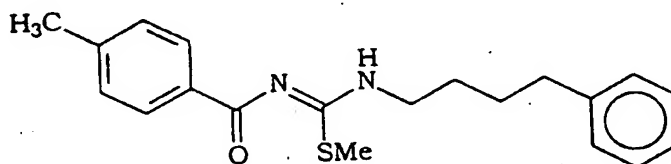


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A mixture of 4-methylbenzamide (1.35 g, 0.01 mol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (50 ml), carbon disulfide (3 g, 0.039 mol), and methyl iodide (4.5 g, 0.032 mol), and sodium hydride (0.85 g, 60% dispersion in oil, 0.02 mol) was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was poured onto ice, extracted with ethyl acetate (3 X 30 ml), washed with water, dried and concentrated to give an oil. This solidified on standing and was crystallized from hexanes as bright yellow crystals (0.8 g); m.p. 57-59°C (lit 60-61°C); ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.40 (s, 3H, Ar-Me), 2.57 (s, 6H, SMe), 7.25 (d, 2H, ArH), 7.98 (d, 2H, ArH).

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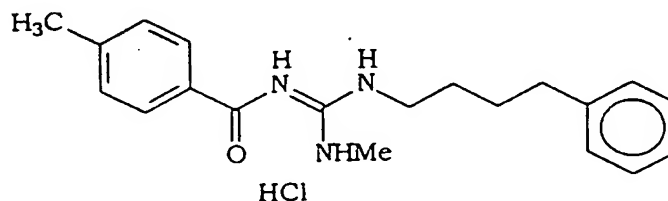
Part II: N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)-S-Methylthiourea



15 A mixture of dimethyldithiolate (240 mg, mmol, prepared as in Part I) and phenylbutylamine (150 mg, mmol) in ethanol (5 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated and the oil obtained was repeatedly coevaporated with dichloromethane, upon which solid separated. This solid was triturated with hexanes, filtered and dried. N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)-S-Methylthiourea: white solid (80 mg); ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.85 (m, 4H, CH₂), 2.38 (s, 3H, ArMe), 2.61 (s and t, 5H, CH₂ and Sme), 3.35 (t, 2H, CH₂), 7.2 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.28 (d, 2H, ArH), 8.12 (d, 2H, ArH).

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Part III: N-(4-Methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)-N''-methylguanidine, hydrochloride



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A solution of N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)-S-Methylthiourea (80 mg, prepared as in Part II) in 5 ml of methylamine (2M in methanol) was stirred at room temperature for 48 hours. After removal of the solvent the residue was dissolved in methanol (3 ml), and an ethereal solution of hydrogen chloride (5 ml) was added. The solid separated was filtered, washed with ether and dried. Pale yellow solid (50 mg); Purity: 93% (HPLC); ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 1.71 (m, 4H, CH₂), 2.40 (s, 3H, ArCH₃), 2.65 (t, 2H, CH₂), 3.05 (s, 3H, NMe), 3.4 (t, 2H, CH₂), 7.13 (m, 5H, Ar), 7.35 (d, 2H, ArH), 7.82 (d, 2H, ArH).

EXAMPLE 10: N-(2,6-Dichlorophenylacetyl)-N'-benzylguanidine hydrochloride (Formula I': hydrochloride salt of R=2,6-di-C₆H₃; both R¹=H; R²=H; X=CH₂; R³=C₆H₅)

Part I: Benzylguanidine hydrochloride

A mixture of benzylamine hydrochloride (4.3g, 0.03 mol) and cyanamide (1.3g, 0.031 mol) in xylenes (15 ml) was heated to reflux for 6 hours. After concentration, the reaction mixture was triturated with ether and the solid separated was filtered and crystallized from methanol to provide a colorless solid (2.38 g); purity: 96.8% (HPLC); ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 4.41 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.32-7.37 (m, 5H, Ar).

Part II: N-(2,6-Dichlorophenylacetyl)-N'-benzylguanidine hydrochloride

To sodium ethoxide [prepared by reacting sodium (60 mg, 2.61 mmol) and anhydrous ethanol (5 ml)] benzylguanidine hydrochloride (580 mg, 3.12 mmol) was added and refluxed in an oilbath for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and insoluble materials filtered. Methyl 2,6-dichlorophenylacetate (285 mg, 1.3 mmol) (CH₃(C=O)CH₂(2,6-di-ClC₆H₃)) was added to the filtrate and refluxed for 2 hours. After cooling to room temperature the reaction mixture was concentrated and converted to the hydrochloride salt by the addition of hydrogen chloride (1M in ether) to provide 310 mg of N-(2,6-dichlorophenylacetyl)-N'-benzylguanidine

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hydrochloride as a white solid, purity 89.3% (HPLC); ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 4.38 (s, 4H, CH₂), 7.32-7.41 (m, 8H, Ar).

EXAMPLE 11 In vivo Anticonvulsant activity in the DBA/2 mouse
5 model (Mouse audiogenic assay)

The in vivo potency of compounds of the invention is exemplified by data summarized in the Table I below and obtained pursuant to the following protocol.

10 Compounds were tested for their effectiveness in preventing seizures in DBA/2 mice which have a unique sensitivity to auditory stimulation. Exposure to loud high-frequency sounds can trigger seizure activity in these animals. This sensitivity develops from postnatal day 12 and peaks around day 21 and slowly diminishes as the animals mature. The unusual
15 response to auditory stimulation in this strain of mouse is believed to be due to a combination of early myelination (causing an unusually low excitatory threshold) and delayed development of inhibitory mechanisms.

20 Mice were injected intraperitoneally with the compound specified in Table I below or with vehicle control, 30 minutes prior to being placed in a bell jar and turning on the auditory stimulus (12 KHz sine wave at 110-120 db). Administered doses are specified in Table I as milligram of compound per kilogram bodyweight of mouse. The auditory stimulus was left on for 60 seconds and mice reactions were timed and recorded. Percentage inhibition
25 was determined with reference to vehicle controls. Results are shown in the Table I below. All compounds were tested in HCl salt form.

Table I

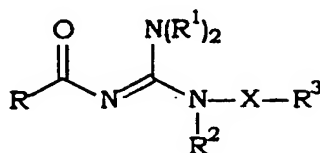
Compound Name	Audiogenic Response	
	Dose (mg/kg)	% Inhib.
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine	20	30
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine	20	75
	10	16
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine	20	42
N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine	20	56
N-(4-ethoxyphenyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine	20	60
N-(4-butoxyphenyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine	20	97

- 5 This invention has been described in detail with reference to preferred embodiments thereof. However, it will be appreciated that those skilled in the art, upon consideration of this disclosure, may make modifications and improvements within the spirit and scope of the invention.

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What is claimed is:

1. A compound of the following Formula:



wherein R is an optionally substituted cyclic alkyl; an optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl; an optionally substituted alkylaryl; an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and from 1 to about 3 hetero atoms; optionally substituted aralkyl; optionally substituted heteroaralkyl; or optionally substituted heteroalicyclicalkyl;

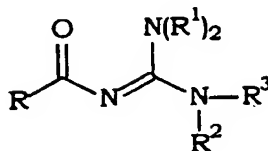
each R¹ and R² are each independently hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl; optionally substituted alkenyl; optionally substituted alkynyl; optionally substituted alkoxy; optionally substituted alkylthio; optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl; optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl; optionally substituted or unsubstituted carbocyclic aryl; or an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and 1 to about 3 hetero atoms;

X is a chemical bond, optionally substituted alkylene, optionally substituted alkenylene, optionally substituted alkynylene, optionally substituted heteroalkylene, optionally substituted heteroalkenylene, optionally substituted heteroalkynylene; and

R³ is an optionally substituted cyclic alkyl; optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl, optionally substituted alkylaryl; or optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and from 1 to about 3 hetero atoms; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

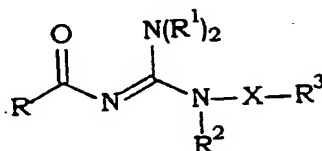
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2. A compound of claim 1 having the following Formula:



wherein R, R¹, R² and R³ are each the same as defined in claim 1; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of said compounds.

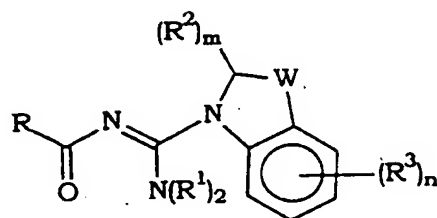
3. A compound of claim 1 having the following Formula:



wherein X is an alkylene linkage; R, R¹, R² and R³ are each the same as defined in claim 1; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of those compounds.

4. A compound of any one of claims 1-3 wherein R² is hydrogen.
5. A compound of any one of claims 1-3 wherein R² is optionally substituted alkyl.
6. A compound of any one of claims 1-3 wherein R² is C₁₋₃ alkyl.

7. A compound of the following Formula:



wherein R is an optionally substituted cyclic alkyl; an optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl; an optionally substituted alkylaryl; an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and from 1 to about 3 hetero atoms; optionally substituted aralkyl; optionally substituted heteroaralkyl; or optionally substituted heteroalicyclicalkyl;

each R^1 is independently hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl; optionally substituted alkenyl; optionally substituted alkynyl; optionally substituted alkoxy; optionally substituted alkylthio; optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl; optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl; optionally substituted or unsubstituted carbocyclic aryl; or an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and 1 to about 3 hetero atoms;

each R^2 and each R^3 are independently hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, azido, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, optionally substituted alkylthio, optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl, optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl, optionally substituted aminoalkyl, optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl, or optionally substituted aralkyl;

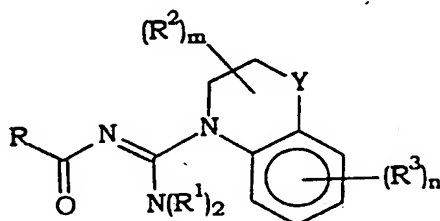
W is optionally substituted methylene, $-S-$, $-O-$, optionally substituted $-N-$, $-S(O)-$ or $-S(O_2)-$;

m is 0, 1 or 2; n is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

8. A compound of claim 7 wherein W is optionally substituted methylene.

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9. A compound of the following Formula:



wherein R is an optionally substituted cyclic alkyl; optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl; optionally substituted alkylaryl; an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and from 1 to about 3 hetero atoms; optionally substituted aralkyl; optionally substituted heteroaralkyl; or optionally substituted heteroalicyclicalkyl;

each R¹ is independently hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl; optionally substituted alkenyl; optionally substituted alkynyl; optionally substituted alkoxy; optionally substituted alkylthio; optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl; optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl; optionally substituted or unsubstituted carbocyclic aryl; or an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and 1 to about 3 hetero atoms;

each R² and each R³ are independently hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, azido, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, optionally substituted alkylthio, optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl, optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl, optionally substituted aminoalkyl, optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl, or optionally substituted aralkyl;

Y is optionally substituted methylene, -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O₂)-, or optionally substituted -N-,

m and n are each independently 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

10. A compound of claim 1, 7 or 9 that is:

N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-methylthiophenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-iodophenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(1-naphthyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-tertbutylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-1-indolinylicarboximidamide;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-1-[7-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline]carboximidamide;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-1-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline)carboximidamide;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(2,5-dibromophenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropoxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(2-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(2,5-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-iodophenyl)guanidine;
N-(2,5-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-methylthiophenyl)guanidine;
N-(2,5-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(1-naphthyl)guanidine;
N-(2,5-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(2,5-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(2,5-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-tertbutylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(2,5-dichlorobenzoyl)-1-indolinylicarboximidamide;
N-(2,5-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(phenylacetyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(phenylacetyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(phenylacetyl)-N'-(4-tert-butylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(phenylacetyl)-1-indolinylicarboximidamide;
N-(phenylacetyl)-1-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline)carboximidamide;
N-(phenylacetyl)-N'-(4-isopropoxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(phenylacetyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)-N'-methylguanidine;
N-(adamantan-1-carbonyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-iodophenyl)guanidine;
N-(adamantan-1-carbonyl)-N'-(1-naphthyl)guanidine;
N-(adamantan-1-carbonyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(adamantan-1-carbonyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;

N-(adamantan-1-carbonyl)-N'-(4-tert-butylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(adamantan-1-carbonyl)-1-(indoliny)lcarboximidamide;
N-(adamantan-1-carbonyl)-1-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoliny)lcarboximidamide;
N-(adamantan-1-carbonyl)-N'-(2,5-dibromophenyl)guanidine;
N-(adamantan-1-carbonyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)-N'-methyl)guanidine;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-iodophenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-methylthiophenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(1-naphthyl)guanidine;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-tert-butylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-1-(indoliny)lcarboximidamide;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-1-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoliny)lcarboximidamide;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(2,5-dibromophenyl)guanidine;
N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-iodophenyl)guanidine;
N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(1-naphthyl)guanidine;
N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-tert-butylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-1-(indoliny)lcarboximidamide;
N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-1-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoliny)lcarboximidamide;
N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-iodophenyl)guanidine;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-methylthiophenyl)guanidine;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-(1-naphthyl)guanidine;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-(4-tert-butylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-1-(indoliny)lcarboximidamide;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-1-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoliny)lcarboximidamide;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-iodophenyl)guanidine;
N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-N'-methyl-N'-(3-methylthiophenyl)guanidine;
N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-N'-(1-naphthyl)guanidine;

N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-N'-(4-tert-butylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-1-(indoliny)lcarboximidamide;
N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-1-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoliny)lcarboximidamide;
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N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropoxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-(4-isopropoxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropoxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-butoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-butoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropoxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-butoxybenzoyl)-N'-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropoxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(benzyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(2-phenethyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)guanidine;
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N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(1-naphthylmethyl)guanidine;
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N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(5-phenylpentyl)guanidine;

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N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(3-phenoxypropyl)guanidine;
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N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(benzyl)guanidine;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(2-phenethyl)guanidine;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(benzyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)guanidine;
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N-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
N-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-phenethyl)guanidine;
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N-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(3-phenylpropyl)guanidine;
N-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(1-naphthylmethyl)guanidine;
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N-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-(3-indole)ethyl)guanidine;
N-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-phenylethyl)guanidine;
N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-(benzyl)guanidine;
N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)guanidine;
N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-(2-phenylethyl)guanidine;
N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-(benzyl)guanidine;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)guanidine;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-(2-phenylethyl)guanidine;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;

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N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(cyclohexyl)-N''-methylguanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)-N''-methylguanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(5-phenylpentyl)guanidine;
N-(2-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
N-(2-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(2-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(2-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(2-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(3-phenylpropyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-phenoxypropyl)guanidine;
N-(4-butoxybenzoyl)-N'-(5-phenylpentyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(2-phenoxyethyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(2-phenoxyethyl)guanidine;
N-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-N'-[(2-benzylthio)ethyl]guanidine;
N-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)guanidine;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of any of said compounds.

11. A compound of any of claims 1, 7 or 9 that is:

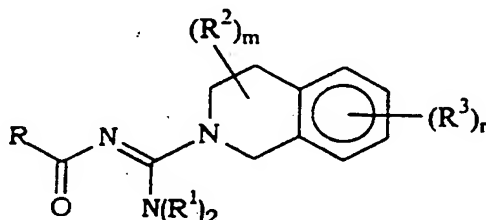
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N-benzoyl-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-benzoyl-N'-(4-isopropoxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-benzoyl-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-benzoyl-N'-(2-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(2,6-dichlorophenacetyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(2,6-dichlorophenacetyl)-N'-(phenyl)guanidine;
N-(2,6-dichlorophenacetyl)-N'-(4-isopropyl)phenylguanidine;
N-(2,6-dichlorophenacetyl)-1-(indoliny)carboxamidamide;
N-(2-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropyl)phenylguanidine;
N-(2-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(2-chlorobenzoyl)-1-(indoliny)carboxamidamide;
N-(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(2-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropylphenyl)guanidine;
N-(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)-1-(indoliny)carboxamidamide;

N-(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(trimethoxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(2,3-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-isopropyl)phenylguanidine;
N-(2,3-dichlorobenzoyl)-1-(indolyl)carboxamidamide;
N-(2,3-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(5-phenylpentyl)guanidine;
N-(2-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
N-(2-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(3-phenylpropyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(3-phenoxypropyl)guanidine;
N-(4-butoxybenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N'-(3-phenoxyethyl)guanidine;
N-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-N'-(3-benzylthioethyl)guanidine;
N-benzoyl-N'-(4-phenylbutyl)guanidine;
N-benzoyl-N'-(3-phenoxypropyl)guanidine;
N-benzoyl-N'-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)guanidine;
N-benzoyl-N'-(2-benzylthioethyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-[(indol-3-yl)-2-ethyl]guanidine;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-[(indol-3-yl)-2-ethyl]guanidine;
N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-[(indol-3-yl)-2-ethyl]guanidine;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-[(indol-3-yl)-2-ethyl]guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-butylguanidine;
N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-N'-(3-phenylpropyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(2-benzylthioethyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(1-indanyl)guanidine;
N-(N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(1-indanyl)guanidine;
N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(1-indanyl)guanidine;
N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-[(imidazol-1-yl)-3-propyl]guanidine;
N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-N'-[(imidazol-1-yl)-3-propyl]guanidine;
N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-N'-(2-benzylthioethyl)guanidine;
N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(2-benzylthioethyl)guanidine;
N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-(2-benzylthioethyl)guanidine;
N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-(2-benzylthioethyl)guanidine;
N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-[(thiophen-2-yl)-2-ethyl]guanidine;
N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-[(thiophen-2-yl)-2-ethyl]guanidine;
N-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl)-N'-[(thiophen-2-yl)-2-ethyl]guanidine;

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N-(furan-2-carbonyl)-N'-[(thiophen-2-yl)-2-ethyl]guanidine;
 N-(thiophen-2-carbonyl)-N'-[(thiophen-2-yl)-2-ethyl]guanidine;
 N-(2,3-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl]guanidine;
 N-(2,5-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl]guanidine;
 N-(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-(4-phenylbutyl]guanidine;
 N-(2,6-dichlorophenylacetyl)-N'-benzylguanidine;
 N-(4-methylbenzoyl)-N'-(2-phenoxyethyl]guanidine;
 N-(benzoyl)-N'-[indol-3-yl-2-yl]guanidine;
 N-(1-naphthoyl)-N'-(4-chlorobenzyl]guanidine; or
 N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-N'-[(imidazol-1-yl)-3-propyl]guanidine;
 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of any of said compounds.

12. A compound of the following Formula:



wherein R is an optionally substituted cyclic alkyl; optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl; optionally substituted alkylaryl; an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and from 1 to about 3 hetero atoms; optionally substituted aralkyl; optionally substituted heteroaralkyl; or optionally substituted heteroalicyclicalkyl;

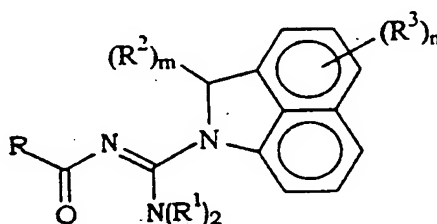
each R¹ is independently hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl; optionally substituted alkenyl; optionally substituted alkynyl; optionally substituted alkoxy; optionally substituted alkylthio; optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl; optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl; optionally substituted or unsubstituted carbocyclic aryl; or an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and 1 to about 3 hetero atoms;

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each R^2 and each R^3 are each independently hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, azido, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, optionally substituted alkylthio, optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl, optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl, optionally substituted aminoalkyl, optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl, or optionally substituted aralkyl;

m is an integer of from 0-6; and n is an integer of from 0-4; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

13. A compound of the following Formula:



wherein R is an optionally substituted cyclic alkyl; optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl; optionally substituted alkylaryl; an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and from 1 to about 3 hetero atoms; optionally substituted aralkyl; optionally substituted heteroaralkyl; or optionally substituted heteroalicyclicalkyl;

each R^1 is independently hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl; optionally substituted alkenyl; optionally substituted alkynyl; optionally substituted alkoxy; optionally substituted alkylthio; optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl; optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl; optionally substituted or unsubstituted carbocyclic aryl; or an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and 1 to about 3 hetero atoms;

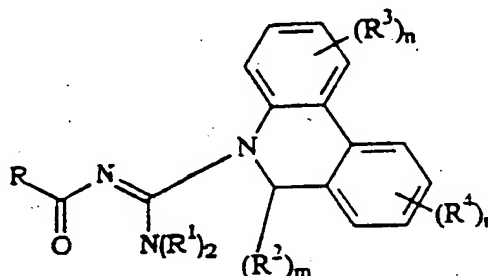
each R^2 and each R^3 are each independently hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, azido, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, optionally substituted alkylthio, optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl, optionally

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substituted alkylsulfonyl, optionally substituted aminoalkyl, optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl, or optionally substituted aralkyl;

m is 0, 1 or 2; and n is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

14. A compound of the following Formula:



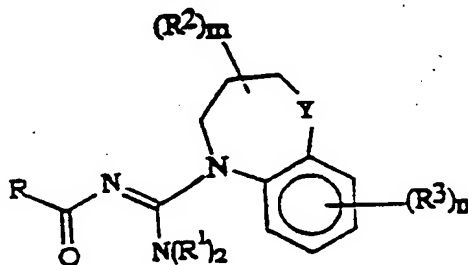
wherein R is an optionally substituted cyclic alkyl; optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl; optionally substituted alkylaryl; an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and from 1 to about 3 hetero atoms; optionally substituted aralkyl; optionally substituted heteroaralkyl; or optionally substituted heteroalicyclicalkyl;

each R¹ is independently hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl; optionally substituted alkenyl; optionally substituted alkynyl; optionally substituted alkoxy; optionally substituted alkylthio; optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl; optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl; optionally substituted or unsubstituted carbocyclic aryl; or an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and 1 to about 3 hetero atoms;

each R², each R³ and each R⁴ are each independently hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, azido, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, optionally substituted alkylthio, optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl, optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl, optionally substituted aminoalkyl, optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl, or optionally substituted aralkyl;

m is 0, 1 or 2; and n and r are each independently 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

15. A compound of the following Formula:



wherein R is an optionally substituted cyclic alkyl; optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl; optionally substituted alkylaryl; an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and from 1 to about 3 hetero atoms; optionally substituted aralkyl; optionally substituted heteroaralkyl; or optionally substituted heteroalicyclicalkyl;

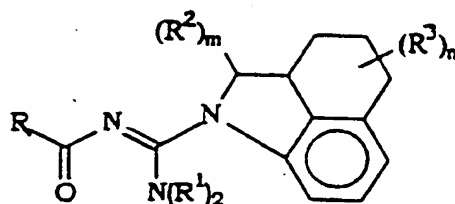
each R¹ is independently hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl; optionally substituted alkenyl; optionally substituted alkynyl; optionally substituted alkoxy; optionally substituted alkylthio; optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl; optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl; optionally substituted or unsubstituted carbocyclic aryl; or an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and 1 to about 3 hetero atoms;

each R² and each R³ are each independently hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, azido, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, optionally substituted alkylthio, optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl, optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl, optionally substituted aminoalkyl, optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl, or optionally substituted aralkyl;

Y is optionally substituted methylene, -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O₂)-, or optionally substituted -N-,

m is an integer of from 0-6; and n is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of those compounds.

16. A compound of the following Formula:



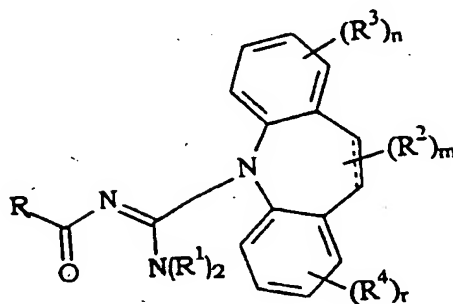
wherein R is an optionally substituted cyclic alkyl; optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl; optionally substituted alkylaryl; an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and from 1 to about 3 hetero atoms; optionally substituted aralkyl; optionally substituted heteroaralkyl; or optionally substituted heteroalicyclicalkyl;

each R¹ is independently hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl; optionally substituted alkenyl; optionally substituted alkynyl; optionally substituted alkoxy; optionally substituted alkylthio; optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl; optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl; optionally substituted or unsubstituted carbocyclic aryl; or an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and 1 to about 3 hetero atoms;

each R² and each R³ are independently hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, azido, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, optionally substituted alkylthio, optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl, optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl, optionally substituted aminoalkyl, optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl, or optionally substituted aralkyl;

m is 0, 1 or 2; and n is an integer equal to 0-9; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

17. A compound of the following Formula:



wherein R is an optionally substituted cyclic alkyl; optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl; optionally substituted alkylaryl; an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and from 1 to about 3 hetero atoms; optionally substituted aralkyl; optionally substituted heteroaralkyl; or optionally substituted heteroalicyclicalkyl;

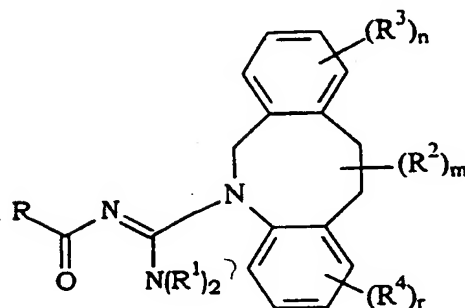
each R¹ is independently hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl; optionally substituted alkenyl; optionally substituted alkynyl; optionally substituted alkoxy; optionally substituted alkylthio; optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl; optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl; optionally substituted or unsubstituted carbocyclic aryl; or an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and 1 to about 3 hetero atoms;

each R², each R³ and each R⁴ are each independently hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, azido, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, optionally substituted alkylthio, optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl, optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl, optionally substituted aminoalkyl, optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl, or optionally substituted aralkyl;

m is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and n and r are each independently 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

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18. A compound of the following Formula:



wherein R is an optionally substituted cyclic alkyl; optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl; optionally substituted alkylaryl; an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and from 1 to about 3 hetero atoms; optionally substituted aralkyl; optionally substituted heteroaralkyl; or optionally substituted heteroalicyclicalkyl;

each R¹ is independently hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl; optionally substituted alkenyl; optionally substituted alkynyl; optionally substituted alkoxy; optionally substituted alkylthio; optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl; optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl; optionally substituted or unsubstituted carbocyclic aryl; or an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and 1 to about 3 hetero atoms;

each R², each R³ and each R⁴ are each independently hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, azido, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, optionally substituted alkylthio, optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl, optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl, optionally substituted aminoalkyl, optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl, or optionally substituted aralkyl;

m is an integer of from 0-6; and n and r are each independently 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

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19. A compound of any one of claims 1-9 or 10-18 wherein R is an optionally substituted cyclic alkyl; optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl; optionally substituted alkylaryl; an optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic group having from 1 to 3 rings, 3 to about 8 ring members in each ring and from 1 to about 3 hetero atoms

20. A compound of any one of claims 1-9 or 10-18 wherein R is optionally substituted cyclic alkyl.

21. A compound of any one of claims 1-9 or 10-18 wherein R is optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl.

22. A compound of any one of claims 1-9 or 10-18 wherein R is optionally substituted phenyl or naphthyl.

23. A compound of any one of claims 1-9 or 10-18 wherein R is optionally substituted heteroaromatic or heteroalicyclic.

24. A compound of any one of claims 1-9 or 10-18 wherein R is optionally substituted carbocyclic aralkyl.

25. A compound of claim 9 or 15 wherein Y is optionally substituted methylene.

26. A compound of any one of claims 1-9 or 12-25 wherein at least one R¹ group is hydrogen.

27. A compound of any one of claims 1-9 or 12-25 wherein both R¹ groups are hydrogen.

28. A compound of any one of claims 1-9 or 12-25 wherein at least one R¹ group is optionally substituted alkyl.

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29. A compound of any one of claims 1-9 or 12-25 wherein at least one R¹ group is alkyl having 1 to 3 carbon atoms.

30. A compound of any one of claims 1-9 or 12-25 wherein both R¹ groups are optionally substituted alkyl.

31. A method of treating a nerve degeneration disease comprising administering to a mammal suffering from or susceptible to said disease a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any of claims 1-30.

32. A method of treating a neurodegenerative disease comprising administering to a mammal suffering from or susceptible to said disease a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any of claims 1-30.

33. A method of treating Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Down's Syndrome or Korsakoff's disease, Cerebral Palsy, or epilepsy, comprising administering to a mammal suffering from or susceptible to said disease a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any of claims 1-30.

34. A method of treating or preventing nerve cell death or degeneration comprising administering to a mammal suffering from or susceptible to nerve cell death or degeneration a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1-30.

35. The method of claim 34 wherein the nerve cell death or degeneration is associated with hypoxia, hypoglycemia, brain or spinal cord ischemia, retinal ischemia or brain or spinal cord trauma.

36. A method of treating a mammal suffering from or susceptible to stroke or heart attack comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1-30.

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37. A method of treating a mammal suffering from or susceptible to brain or spinal cord trauma comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1-30.

38. A method of treating a mammal suffering from or susceptible to pain including chronic pain or neuropathic pain, peripheral neuropathy, migraines, shingles, emesis, narcotic withdrawal symptoms or age-dependent dementia, comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1-30.

39. A method of treating a mammal suffering from or susceptible decreased blood flow or nutrient supply to retinal tissue or optic nerve, or retinal ischemia or trauma, or optic nerve injury, or glaucoma, comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1-30.

40. A method of treating a mammal suffering from or susceptible to post-surgical neurological deficits or neurological deficits associated with cardiac arrest, comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1-30.

41. A method for treating an infection in a mammal, comprising administering to a mammal suffering from or susceptible to an infection an effective amount of an aminoglycoside antibiotic and a compound of any one of claims 1-30.

42. The method of claim 41 wherein the mammal is suffering from an infection of a Gram negative bacteria or a Gram positive bacteria.

43. A method of any one of claims 31-42 wherein the mammal is a human.

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44. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of one or more compounds of any one of claims 1-30 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

45. A compound of any one of claims 1-30 that is radiolabelled.

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C (Continuation). DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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X	ITSUNOBU et al., Preparation and Reactions of N-Benzoyl- and N-Ethoxycarbonylcarbodiimides, Bulletin of the Chemical Society of Japan, December 1972, Vol. 45, No. 12, pages 3607-3611, see entire document.	1, 2 and 4
X	GUND et al., A Novel Reaction of Guanidine With Benzaldehydes, Tetrahedron Letters, September 1972, No. 38, pages 3983-3986, especially page 3985.	1, 3 and 4
X	YAMAZAKI et al., Synthesis of Guanosine and Its Derivatives from 5-Amino-1-beta-D-ribofuranosyl-1-imidazolecarboxamide, Journal of Organic Chemistry, June 1967, Vol. 32, No. 6, pages 1825-1828, especially page 1826, formula VI.	1, 2 and 4

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☒ Claims Nos.: 26-45
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

Please See Extra Sheet.

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
1-6, 10, 11 and 19-24

Remark on Protest

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

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No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER: IPC (6):

C07C 233/00, 235/00, 237/00; C07D 207/08, 207/30, 207/46, 209/18, 211/30, 211/32, 215/38, 233/66, 233/90, 239/02, 241/00, 241/02, 249/04, 249/08, 249/14, 261/06, 263/34, 265/30, 271/06, 271/10, 271/12, 275/02, 277/30, 295/18, 307/02, 307/78, 307/87, 307/93, 311/02, 315/00, 333/22, 333/56, 333/72, 403/00, 409/02, 413/00, 417/00, 487/00, 498/00, 513/00

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER: US CL :

544/168, 329, 332, 335, 336; 546/175, 234, 247; 548/131, 143, 204, 214, 236, 247, 255, 262.6, 262.8, 336.1, 495, 561, 567; 549/58, 76, 283, 426, 467, 496; 564/185

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched
Classification System: U.S.

544/168, 329, 332, 335, 336; 546/175, 234, 247; 548/131, 143, 204, 214, 236, 247, 255, 262.6, 262.8, 336.1, 495, 561, 567; 549/58, 76, 283, 426, 467, 496; 564/185

BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION WAS LACKING This ISA found multiple inventions as follows:

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be searched, the appropriate additional search fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-6, 10, 11 and 19-24, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of use of the compounds of formula I.

Group II, claim(s) 7-8, 10, 11 and 19-24, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of use of the compounds of formula II.

Group III, claim(s) 9-11 and 19-25, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of use of the compounds of formula III.

Group IV, claim(s) 12 and 19-24, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of use of the compounds of formula IV.

Group V, claim(s) 13 and 19-24, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of use of the compounds of formula V.

Group VI, claim(s) 14 and 19-24, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of use of the compounds of formula VI.

Group VII, claim(s) 15 and 19-25, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of use of the compounds of formula VII.

Group VIII, claim(s) 16 and 19-24, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of use of the compounds of formula VIII.

Group IX, claim(s) 17 and 19-24, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of use of the compounds of formula IX.

Group X, claim(s) 18-24, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of use of the compounds of formula X.

The inventions listed as Groups I-X do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the compounds of formulas I-X do not possess a common core. The compounds of formula I are guanidines where as the compounds of formulas II-X contain different ring systems.